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NEW COMMUNIST DRIVE Reds Occupy Island 70 M. From Nanking FOUR TOWNS RETAKEN

Nanking, April 13.

The Government military spokesman said today that Communist forces have opened a new offensive in the direction of the Yangtze River port of Wuhshueh, about 65 miles South East of Nanking.

The spokesman admitted the loss of Kwanchiao, five miles North of Wuhshueh, and said that the North bank river port is now directly threatened by Communist units commanded by General Cheng Keng.

Possibly 1,000 veteran Communist troops made a successful crossing to Tai Yang Island, 70 miles South West of Nanking under cover of artillery fire. The attack began on Monday night. Contact with the island was lost. Government reinforcements were sent to the South bank.

The capture of the island would give the Reds a springboard for the drive to the South bank. Competent quarters believe the main attack may come at any time if the government stalls over the ultimatum.

Government officials conferred urgently on the Red demands, which call for virtual surrender. Semi-official Chinese quarters said the Red extended the deadline for a reply from Tuesday to Friday. The general feeling in Nanking is that the Communists are now ready to cross the Yangtze in overwhelming force, and will not wait too long.

Telegraph Line Cut

Reports last night from Wuhu, 60 miles South-West of Nanking, said that the direct telegraph line between Wuhu and Nanking had been cut and that communication between the two cities was only possible by indirect route—via the capital.

The military spokesman, however, denied the widely current reports that either the Government or the Communists have issued cease-fire orders. He said Government troops have been ordered to hold their present positions since the departure of the Government peace delegation for Peiping on April 1.

The spokesman disclosed that the Government has requested the Communists to order a general cease-fire, but the Communists agreed only to curb their military activities for three days.

This disclosure coincided with other earlier reports from semi-official sources that the Reds had agreed to give the Government three days more to make up its mind on whether finally to accept the eight conditions for a peace settlement, or face a forced crossing of the Yangtze by Communist armies. The Government was given until next Friday with the assurance that no major assault across the Yangtze would be undertaken before then.

Leaders Busy

Top Nationalist and Government leaders are now urgently conferring here on the formulation of the resumed reply to the Communists.

Meanwhile, another Government spokesman revealed plans to send other Nationalist leaders to Peiping to assist in the negotiations under consideration. The long-bearded, venerable Yu Yuet-shan, President of the Control Yuan, is a likely choice. One of the Communist representatives who brought the Red ultimatum to Nanking, returned to Peiping yesterday.

Meanwhile in the negotiations, the outstanding points said now to be narrowed but still not settled, were believed to in-

Towns Retaken

Nanking, April 13. In combined land, sea and air attacks today, Nationalist forces recaptured four towns covering a sector of the Yangtze river 70 miles East of Nanking, according to the Central News Agency tonight.

The Reds were reported to have lost three regiments in the fighting. The recaptured towns were Hsin-chow, Hsihshueh, Jaoshiao and Takang.—Reuters.

for the consequences. Another resolution warned Nanking not to follow the example of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Gold Specie

On China's financial front the Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, told the Legislative Yuan today that he was acting "on instruction" in the removal of US\$300,000,000 worth of government specie resources to Taiwan and South China.

The removal of the specie was the centre of a heated debate in the Legislative Yuan yesterday with most members demanding its return to the National Treasury for use in new anti-inflationary measures.

Mr. Liu assured the legislators that the government specie stored in Taiwan and South China was still within the authority of the Central Bank of China and that he has full power to bring them back whenever necessary.

Meanwhile the increasing activities of guerrillas in Hainan Island off the South China coast and in Hailong county 70 miles North East of Hong Kong, called the attention of the Canton military today.—Reuters, United Press and Associated Press.

Fined For Forging Birth Certificate

A fine of \$250 was imposed on Cyril Oswald Chambers, of 10 Tak Shing Street, who pleaded guilty to the summonses of three counts of forgery before the Justice of Peace court at Central yesterday.

The offences were forging a birth certificate, issued in his own name, by altering the date of birth shown on the certificate from 1911 to 1914, and uttering a birth certificate and a British passport issued to him on July 31, 1947. Assistant Superintendent of the Police R. H. Woodhead, conducting the prosecution, stated that on September 28, last year, the defendant produced his passport and a copy of his birth certificate at the Immigration Office, Police Headquarters, to have his passport extended to five years.

Eventually, the defendant was asked to produce his original birth certificate. Examination of the two documents revealed that there were alterations in the date of birth and also on the passport, and the date shown on the birth certificate did not correspond with that on the passport application.

The defendant was interviewed about these discrepancies, and the alterations. He first gave some feeble excuses to the effect that he was always of the opinion that he had been born in 1911. When it was pointed out to him that the year given in the birth certificate was 1914, he admitted having made alterations to both documents.

Further enquiries were made on October 31, last year, when the defendant was again interviewed. Later on a cautioned statement was made by the defendant, stating that the offences were committed because of his eagerness to seek employment with air lines,

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) anti-cyclones are centred over N. China and to the E. of Japan. Between them a depression is moving E across the sea of Japan. A trough stretches from Tokyo to S. Luzon and thence E. Today's Forecast—Moderate to strong easterly winds. Clouds, occasional drizzle or rain.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 80.7, minimum 69.7, dew point 64.5, wind force 3, humidity 81, rain 1.1. Rainfall: 1.1 mm. Total since Jan. 1—188.4 mm. 7.22 in. as against an average of 208.8 mm. 8.21 in.

Prince Charles' Latest Picture



Taken by Royal Command at Buckingham Palace by photographer Baron, this photograph shows His Royal Highness Prince Charles, son of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The baby was 19 weeks old and weighed 10 lbs two ounces when the picture was taken.—(AP photo)

Bill On Illegal Strikes, Lockouts

The Bill to outlaw strikes and lock-outs that have objectives other than the furtherance of a trade dispute, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, which is legally termed the Illegal Strikes and Lock-outs Ordinance 1949, the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Griffin, reminded the Council that an ordinance of the same name was enacted in 1927 but was repealed in 1948.

The 1927 ordinance, said Mr. Griffin, was enacted contemporaneously with similar legislation in the United Kingdom at the time. That ordinance had for its main objective, under section 3, a declaration that a strike or lock-out designed to further a trade dispute, or was a strike or lock-out designed to further a trade dispute, or was a strike or lock-out designed to further a trade dispute, or was a strike or lock-out designed to further a trade dispute.

Again, section 6 of the 1927 ordinance had provision which was analogous to the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act 1875, which is still in force in the United Kingdom.

Essential Jobs

It also provided that it would be an offence for persons in the service of the Crown or persons employed in essential undertakings, such as the electricity, gas or transport services, to break their contracts of service in circumstances which would entail in the one case hindrance of the functions of government and in the others case deprivation of the inhabitants of the Colony of their most essential services, or endangering life or valuable property.

"Happily," "In the 20 years that elapsed between 1927 and 1948, the occasion for calling into operation the provisions of the 1927 ordinance had rarely, if at all, arisen.

"Thus it was that in March 1948 this Council enacted the Trade Union and Trade Disputes Ordinance 1948, which repealed the 1927 ordinance, and re-enacted some of the provisions thereof in the new enactment."

However, provisions similar to sections 3 and 6 in the 1927 ordinance were not incorporated in the new ordinance, added Mr. Griffin, who went on to say that within the last year or so, in other countries of the world, a tendency has developed whereby general strikes have been organised and operated with little, if any, protest of furtherance of trade disputes, but having political objectives in total disregard for public order or public welfare.

In the circumstance it has been considered, viewing the matter in retrospect, that perhaps it was unwise to have repealed the ordinance of 1927 without re-enacting in the 1948 ordinance provisions corresponding to sections 3 and 6 of the 1927 ordinance.

Perhaps Unwise

"I say perhaps unwise because in that way we have been deprived of legislation which could

American Woman Arrested

Prague, Czechoslovakia, April 13.

Miss Vlasta Vraz, head of American relief for Czechoslovakia here since 1945, has been under arrest since last Saturday, charged with political activity, it was disclosed by the United States Embassy today.

Miss Vraz was planning to leave for the United States in May for a holiday. She told friends recently she was not certain she would return to Czechoslovakia.

Her office here was being closed in view of the improved food situation. Miss Vraz said she hoped she might return later as a news correspondent.

The chief United States consular officer in Prague, Carroll Parry, saw Miss Vraz in prison yesterday. He talked with her in the presence of a representative of the Czech Foreign Office and two police officers.

She told him, Parry said, she had been well-treated so far and that she understood she was being held for investigation of charges that she had engaged in political activity.—Associated Press.

BRITISH SHIP INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING

Shanghai, April 11.

Chinese maritime customs officials have smashed the ring, which had been smuggling goods from Hong Kong to Shanghai aboard the British ship Green Ranger.

Commander John Pringle, Assistant British Naval Attaché, identified the Green Ranger as an auxiliary oil tanker. He said it is owned by the Admiralty but run by merchant seamen officers and crewed by a Chinese crew.

Mr. Pringle said he believed the smuggling was carried on by members of the crew who have contacts in Shanghai and that he did not believe the British personnel aboard were aware of the activity.

Customs officials said on April 11, four Chinese junks were sighted departing from the Green Ranger, which was moored near the Woosung breakwater downstream from Shanghai.

Boats were dispatched to inspect the junks which attempted to flee but were overtaken. One was laden with 80 cases of smuggled articles, including woolen textiles, saccharine and radio parts, which were said to have been purchased in Hong Kong.

The two leaders of the ring, Hsieh Shu-tung and Yen Pau-sen, have been arrested, the maritime officials said.—Associated Press.

Baby Competition

It is regretted that the prizewinners of the Baby Competition were not announced yesterday.

A full list can be seen on the back page of this issue. Cheques should reach their recipients today.

U.S., Australia Seek Co-Operation In SE Asia, Pacific

New York, April 13.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, deputy prime minister of Australia and President of the United Nations General Assembly, asserted today that the United States and Australia were seeking to develop regional co-operation for the defence of South East Asia and the Pacific within the framework of the United Nations.

Addressing the American-Australian Association at a Waldorf Astoria get-together, Dr. Evatt stressed the United States already had spent U.S.\$4,000,000,000 for relief, rehabilitation and stabilisation of the Far East since VJ Day without including the cost of the military occupation of Japan and Korea.

He said: "These efforts alone should be sufficient to demonstrate that we have not relaxed, nor do we intend to relax, our determination to use our strength and influence to assure peace and progress in the Pacific."

Recalling President Truman's pledge of "unflinching support for the United Nations," Dr. Evatt pointed out that both the United States and Australia are supporting the development of regional co-operation in South East Asia and the Pacific "for the promotion of common interests such as defence and welfare within the framework of the United Nations and in accordance with the letter and spirit of its Charter."

Dr. Evatt added: "Co-operation between Australia and the United States is an essential factor in the future of the Pacific. This comradeship will never die for it is founded not only on essential common interests but on deep bonds forged in the furnace of war."

In connection with the current wave of nationalism, he described it as "more significant" in history than other sensational events elsewhere.

Dr. Evatt urged: "We should co-operate to improve living standards, to suppress the growth of answering extremist movements in that region since poverty, discouragement and resort of force help to breed extremism."—United Press.

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U.S. DESTROYERS FOR CHINA

Pearl Harbour, April 13.

Two destroyer escorts turned over to Nationalist China by the U.S. Navy are due to leave here in a few days for Shanghai. The vessels were delivered to the Chinese in Norfolk, Virginia, last month, Chinese Consul-General Tong Lao said today. The ships arrived here on Monday from San Francisco.—Associated Press.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S FEASIBILITY DOUBTED

Extension of unofficial representation by elected members on the Legislative Council is, in the opinion of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, more feasible than the Government's proposed Municipal Council.

The subject was discussed at the recent monthly meeting of the Committee. Views by members had been previously recorded.

The General Committee unanimously agreed that while the original Municipal Council proposal was welcome as evidence of the intention to give larger measure of self-government to the people of Hong Kong, a study of the Municipal Council blueprint has led the members to doubt the feasibility of its successful introduction.

This doubt is based on the present state of civic mentality among the electorate generally. The Committee believes that the desired result can best be obtained by an extension of unofficial representation of elected members on the legislative Council.

According to the Committee, the principle of elected members to the Urban Council, in practice before the war, should be re-introduced.

The Committee also considered that the development of the Urban Council (into a Municipal Council), which is agreed to be the ultimate object, would then follow in natural sequence as the education of the community in general in Municipal matters progresses.

Among the other matters discussed by the General Committee were Government's proposals for the clearance and control of squatter sites and the erection of a Central Fire Station in Kowloon.

The draft report of the Committee for 1948 was approved for publication.

To Test Fire Retardant Paint

A demonstration to show the fire retardant properties of Albi "R" Fire Retardant Paint will take place at 3 p.m. today at the reclamation opposite the Tramway Depot, North Point.

Albi "R" is a fire retardant coating designed for application by spray or brush, to protect against fire combustible surfaces like wood, plywood, wallboards and fibre insulation board. Expected to develop an insulating mat whose function is twofold: It prevents the spread of fire beyond the point of origin and considerably retards the penetration and transmission of heat to and through the coated surface.

Plain wood coated with two coats of Albi "R", will it is claimed, withstand a flame of 1,600 to 1,800 deg. Fahrenheit (900-1,000 deg. Centigrade) for 30 to 90 minutes, depending on the type and the thickness of the wood, without igniting the untreated backside of the exposed panel.

The local agents for this product are Thorsons and Company Limited. The distributors, H. C. Patterson and Company will hold the demonstration today.

Two small wooden houses have been built for the demonstration. They are to be set on fire to show that the treated one will not burn, while the untreated house will eventually be a total destruction.

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Street Fire Alarm System

Installation of public fire alarms in the streets of the city has been started. The work is being carried out by Cable and Wireless, Limited.

It is planned to construct 18 fire alarms at different points in the Central District first. Later, 21 will be erected in Eastern District 11 in Western District.

A total of 50 alarms has been planned for the island and a further 50 for Kowloon.

Owing to technical difficulties, the installation of the alarms on the island is expected to take six months to complete.

Work on installing alarms on the Mainland cannot start until the completion of the new Central Fire Station in Kowloon.


One of the fire alarms in the city will be on Pedder Street, near the Queen's Road Central, junction. The standard there has also been set up.

Owing to neglect and lack of maintenance during the Japanese occupation, the street fire alarms formerly installed were found to be useless at the end of the war.

SMUGGLING

Smuggling cigarettes and tobacco into the colony by train is keeping the Revenue Department in constant vigilance along the railway track leading to town.

Smugglers, to avoid duty, throw their articles along the tracks in town precincts. These are collected by their accomplices unless, in the case, the Revenue seize them and the goods first.



Nearing completion at Cheungshawan now is an 80-ton sectional Phoenix steel lighter, (seen in foreground), believed to be the first of its kind for the carriage of dangerous cargo in local waters, by way of refitting and installation of up-to-date fire-fighting apparatus.— ("China Mail" Photo)

Easter Dance On Saturday

A special Easter dance will be held on Saturday by the Ladies' Committee of the KCC. More than 200 members and friends are expected to attend.

Special decorations will be an important feature and arrangements have also been made for cabaret items, and several appropriate novelties.

Dancing will be to the Embassy Sextet's music from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The booking list is still open at the clubhouse, but will be closed on Friday evening. Members who have not yet made table reservations are urged to do so without further delay.

The dance is expected to be one of the biggest attractions the club has staged this year.

A SHIP TO CARRY DANGEROUS CARGO

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The Colony will see by the end of this month a specially-fitted craft for the carriage of dangerous cargo in local waters which now is undergoing its final touching up at Cheungshawan.

Believed to be the first of its kind in Hong Kong in the way of refitting and installation of modern fire-fighting equipment, it is a 80-ton Phoenix-type steel lighter, consisting of six Army sectional pontoons.

This will be the latest addition to the 72-craft lighter fleet of Kowloon Godowns, which is maintaining a large number of lighters, equipped with ordinary fire-fighting apparatus for transporting dangerous goods in the harbour.

The introduction of this craft will considerably reduce the cost of handling small quantities of this type of cargo.

It is understood that more will be constructed depending on the successful operation of this one and also on present requirements.

The appearance of this type of lighter, however, is not new to the Harbour circles.

Twenty-five of these Phoenix barges, as they are commonly called, have already been sold locally by the Government on behalf of the Ministry of Transport. Seven of these are at present being used by the Tay Kee Company, which carries or stores dangerous goods in port. They are equipped with fire extinguishers and sand, but have none of the modern fittings of the special craft now nearing completion at the Wing On Shing Shipyard, Cheungshawan.

This type of craft was developed during the last war for easy transport. Several sectional pontoons would be bolted together to form one steel lighter. The whole vessel could be dismantled into one pontoon, as each fits the other.

Measuring 60 feet in length with a beam of 20 feet and a depth of eight feet six inches, the completed lighter weighs approximately 80 deadweight tons. It contains four holds for a similar amount of cargo.

Special fire-fighting precautions to suit local conditions have been taken. The steel deck has up-to-date insulation material under it to prevent the local summer heat from penetrating into the holds.

The barge has fire-proofing paint inside and outside, which is one of its main features.

Stamp Duty Increase

Increases in stamp duty recommended in the Budget were incorporated in the Stamp Amendment (Ordinance) 1949 which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Stamps on receipts are increased from 10 to 15 cents, and a new duty of HK\$1 each is imposed on import and export declarations.

The new impositions come into effect from May 1, 1949.

Other Bills which passed their first reading yesterday were: An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the District Watch Force.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the China People's Missionary Society; and

An Ordinance to authorise the making of by-laws by the North Point Wharves Limited.

The Ordinance to establish the office of Registrar General, passed into law yesterday when it passed its second and third reading without amendment.

Mr. Heywood To Attend Meteorological Meet

Mr. G. S. P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, will represent the Colony at the Far East Meteorological Conference to be held in Manila from May 10 to 13. The Philippine Government will be the host nation.

In addition to Hong Kong, representatives from Japan, China, the Philippines, Siam, and Indo-China are expected to participate in the conference. Meteorological officers of the Royal Navy, American Navy, and the American Air Force in the West Pacific area are also expected to attend.

Invitations to participate in the conference are to be sent to the Reverend Fr. Oberhelmer, the well-known meteorologist of the Zikawei observatory at Shanghai, the Reverend Fr. Seiga and the Reverend Fr. Depermann, formerly of the Manila Observatory.

The growing needs of shipping and aviation render it more than ever necessary that there should be close co-operation between the various weather centres which issue typhoon warnings. It was officially stated yesterday.

The subject was brought up at the recent meeting in Delhi of the Regional Commission for Asia of the International Meteorological Organization, but it was not possible to deal with it adequately in the short time available.

The meeting will consider means of improving existing typhoon warning systems to ports, shipping and aircraft, and of attaining greater uniformity and closer co-operation between typhoon warning systems of different weather services. Local needs will not be sacrificed in the desire to attain uniformity.

The meeting will review the various systems of visual storm signals, including the local storm signal code in use in Hong Kong and the Philippines. This code was developed as a result of many years of experience, and it is unlikely that any drastic alterations will be suggested. There is, however, the possibility of introducing an additional signal for warning of strong winds.

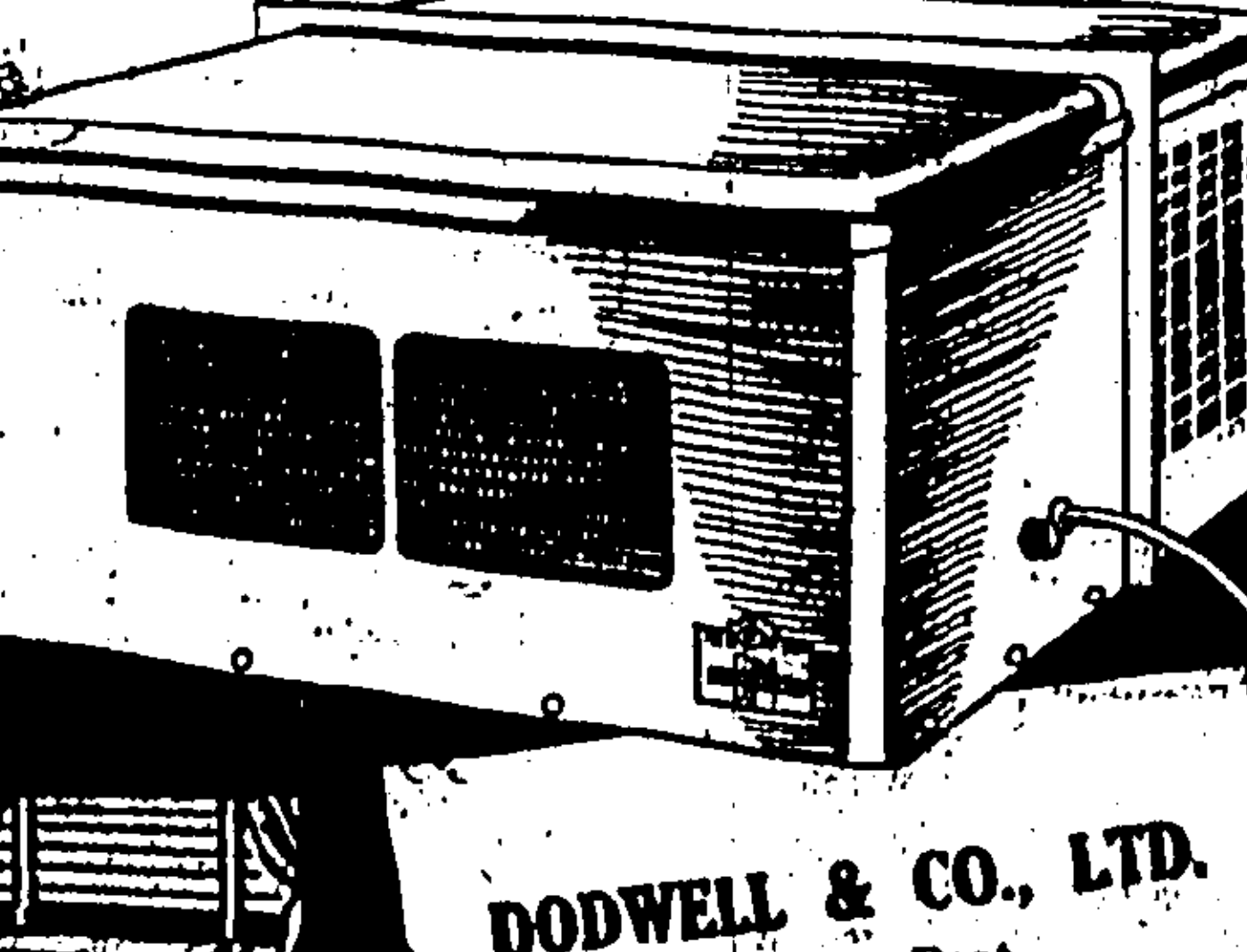
Last summer a questionnaire on storm warning procedures was circulated to shipping companies and airlines by the Hong Kong Royal Observatory. Much useful information was contained in the replies which were received.

The opinions of those with large interests at stake are always valuable, and any further suggestions for the improvement of typhoon warning services would be welcome; these should be addressed to the Royal Observatory before the end of April concluded the statement.

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Reminders

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Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Wings over Mexico and Guatemala" by Mr. J. G. O'Donnell, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

British Council weekly film show, talk on "Farms in Three Countries" by Mr. T. G. Strangeways, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK Reform Club fourth public meeting, The Griggs, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

RAP Association fortnightly luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Demonstration of Albi "R" Fire Retardant Paint, Reclamation site opposite Tramway Depot, North Point, 3 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

St. John's Cathedral: Matins, Litany, Ante-Communion, 7.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Morning Prayer 9 a.m.; Litany and Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

Catholic Cathedral: Mass of Presanctified 8 a.m.; Way of the Cross, 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's Church 3 p.m.

NW AIRLINES SURVEY FLIGHT

A Northwest Airlines plane, "The Tokyo" arrived here yesterday from Tokyo on the surveying of a new air route from Hong Kong to America.

The flight from Tokyo was made in nine hours and 10 minutes, with a three and one-half hour stopover at Okinawa.

Mr. D. J. King, Vice-President of the Orient region for the airline, was on board the passenger. He told the press that the company hoped to have its inaugural flight into Hong Kong around May 1.

This new service will follow the "Great Circle" route, by way of Tokyo and Anchorage, Alaska, to Seattle. It will only take 35 hours from Hong Kong to Seattle, 20 hours to San Francisco, and 48 hours to New York and Washington, D. C.

At first, there will be only one flight a week. Later on this way increase to two flights and eventually, three.

Mr. King said that North West Airlines are also considering opening a service from Hong Kong to Seoul, Korea, with connections to other points.

Air Company Official Here

Mr. R. H. Akers, Singapore Manager for Australian National Airways Limited, arrived here by a CPA (Cathay Pacific Airways) plane from Singapore yesterday.

Mr. Akers came up to discuss business with CPA and other airline officials in Hong Kong, and will return to Singapore in a few days.

At Singapore Mr. Akers handles the Air Ceylon and A. N. A. England-Australia service, (Air Ceylon incidentally, is sponsored by the Ceylon Government in conjunction with A. N. A.)

NEW OFFICER FOR FIRE BRIGADE

A new Station Officer, Mr. W. H. Shipway, has arrived in the Colony to join the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Mr. Shipway has been assigned to the Kowloon Fire Station for duty. His family is expected to arrive here later in the year.

He joined the National Fire Service in 1942.

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TAMARA MAY received White Canvas Wedge Heel Shoes. Also large stock Summer Dresses, Blouses, Skirts, Beach Wear, etc. Orders Taken.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 21st April to Thursday 5th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. A. BRENNER,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

FOR SALE

HONG KONG & DIRECTORY (1949 edition) containing Hong List, Govt. Offices, Hospitals, Schools, Churches, Institutes, Consulates, Services, Clubs, Agencies, Who's Who, Residences. It's the most up-to-date and most complete of all business directories in the Colony. NOW ON SALE at all leading book shops and "China Mail" office.

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NOTICE

The Port Health Office of the Medical Department has arranged for the Fire Brigade Inoculation and Vaccination Centre to remain open on the following days during the Easter Holidays:

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
10 a.m. to 12 noon

MONDAY, APRIL 18
10 a.m. to 12 noon

2. Bills of Health can also be completed in that centre during the above mentioned times.

I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Service.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

NOTICE

"We have pleasure in announcing that a demonstration will be held on Thursday, 14th April, 1949 at 3 p.m. on the reclamation opposite the Tramway Depot, King's Road, North Point to show the valuable properties of Aibi "R" Fire Retardant paint you are cordially invited to witness the demonstration.

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On View from Wednesday,
the 13th April, 1949.

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NOTICE

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TWENTY-SECOND
ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Building (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Monday, May 2, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ended December 31, 1948, and of electing three Directors and an Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from April 22 to May 2, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NG CHUN HONG,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

NOTICE

ST. LUIZ COLLEGE
MACAU

It is proposed to hold a Reunion Dinner of all Past Pupils of St. Luiz College, Macau, about the middle of May.

Would those interested please forward as soon as possible their names and addresses and phone numbers to:

FATHER H. O'BRIEN,
S.J.,
Wah Yan College,
Robinson Road.

COSMO CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As from 16th April, 1949
the Club will close at

MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAYS

By order of
THE COMMITTEE

P. E. NETTLE,
Hon. Secretary.

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SUNDAYS &
HOLIDAYS 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

MINIMUM CHARGE \$27 PER THREE (3) MINUTES.

Broker Charged
At Kowloon

Carlos Henrique Chaves, aged 60, broker, came before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday, charged on three counts with obtaining money under false pretences.

Complaint in the case is Kwan Kam-chung of the American Tailor Shop.

It was alleged that Chaves had, without authorisation, arranged contracts with complainant regarding the tailoring of waiter's uniforms.

Hearing was resumed for seven days, defendant being allowed \$1,000 bail, half in surety.

Chaves is represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths. The prosecution is conducted by DSI Kavanagh.

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Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
will attend at 10 a.m. on Mon-
days and Thursdays within the
free storage period to survey
damaged cargo, and consignees
are requested to have their
representatives present. Unless
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EASTER HOLIDAY 1949

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All Branches & Windsor
House

Good Friday, 15th April — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. only
Sunday, 17th April — Usual hours.
Saturday, 16th April — Usual hours.
Monday, 18th April — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. only

Windsor House
Peak Branch

Good Friday, 15th April — Usual hours
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COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT.

East Point
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POST OFFICE
MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15, 16 and 18, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

OUTWARD SURFACE MAIL TO
UNITED KINGDOM

An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Port of R.M.S. "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 16, 1949, as follows:

GPO Hong Kong: (Parcel) 5 p.m.
April 14, (Reg.) 9 a.m. April 16,
(Ordinary) 9.30 a.m. April 16.

GPO Kowloon: (Parcel) 5 p.m. April
14, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. April 16,
(Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 16.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 p.m. April 14.

Almair for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m. April 14.

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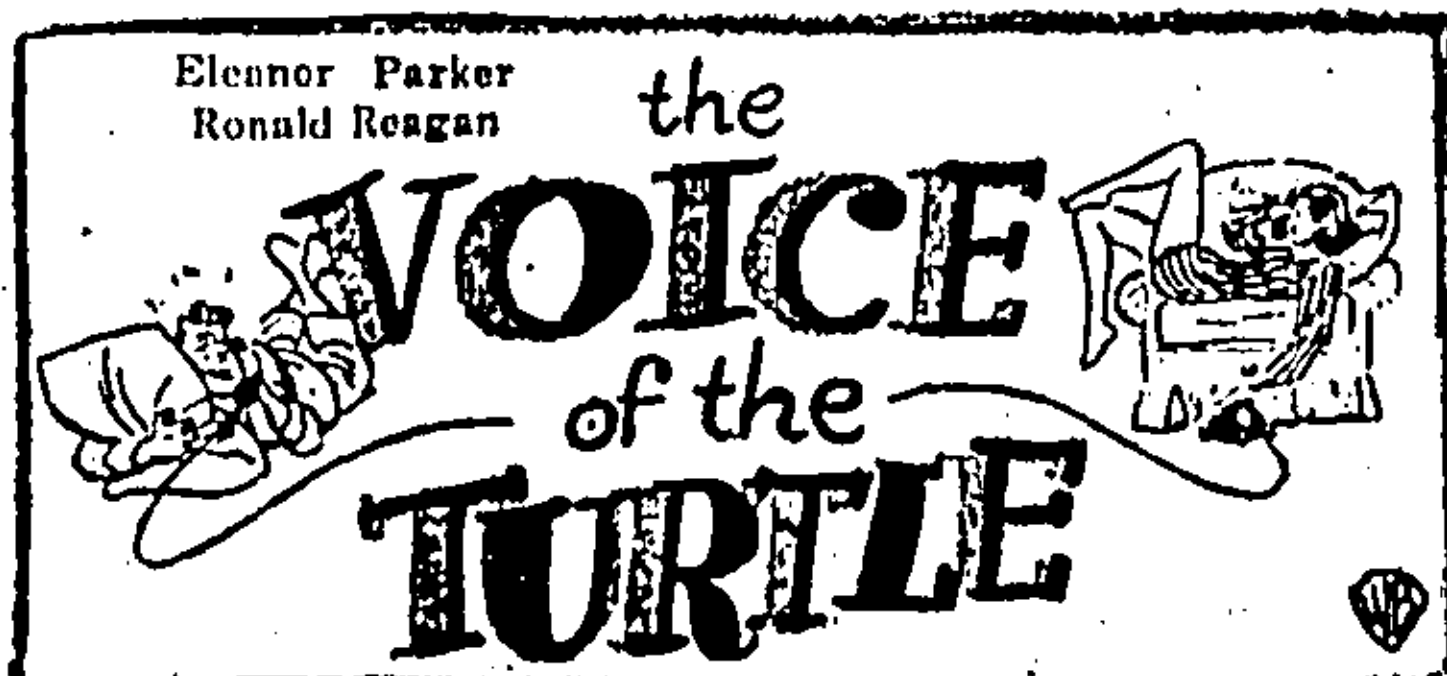
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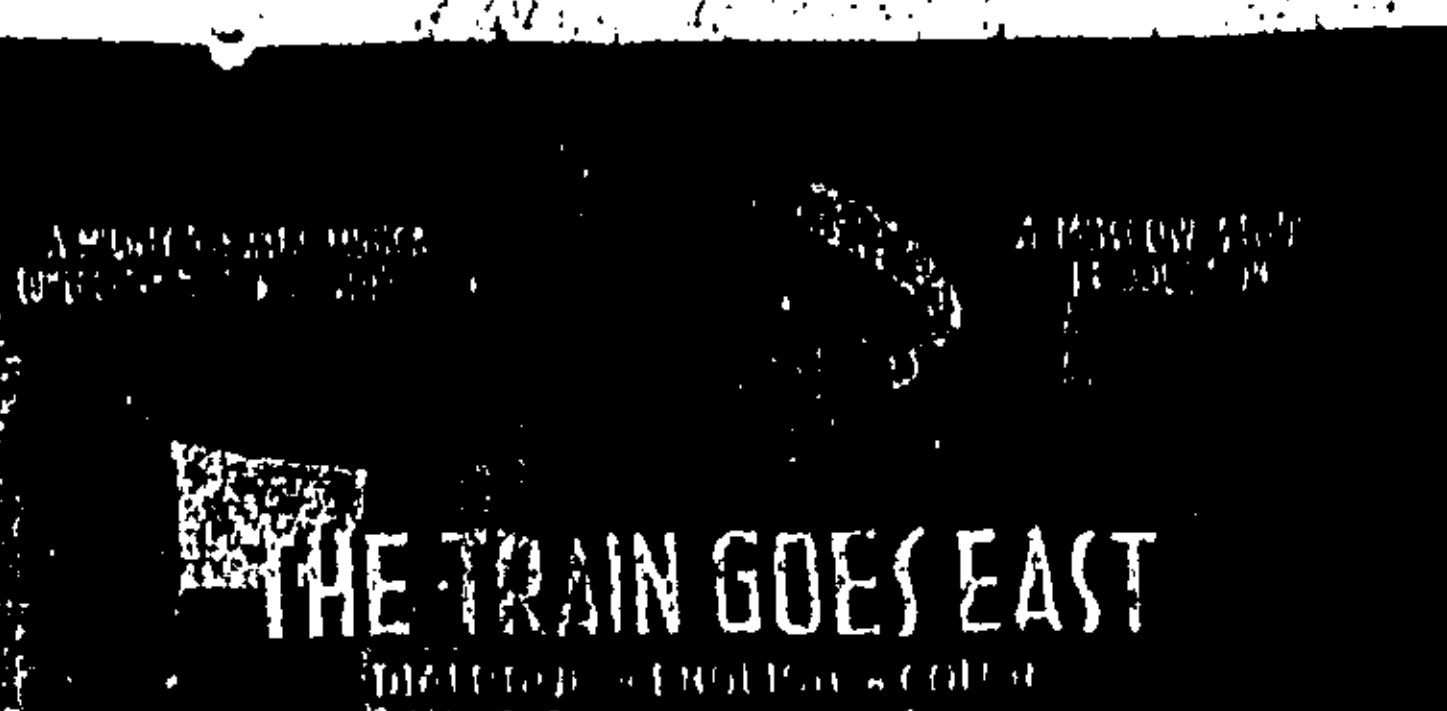
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**GERMAN SOCIALISTS
CREATE DIFFICULTY**

Bonn, April 12.

Western Germany's Socialists today served notice that they will not discuss with Allied officials the deadlock in the Constituent Assembly on drafting a constitution for the West German State.

Reiterating their stand that the Germans should write their own constitution and hand it to the Allies on a "take it or leave it" basis, the Socialists at first proposed to boycott a meeting with Allies altogether.

The Christian Democrats and other parties voted to attend, however, and the Socialists agreed to participate but only on condition that talks be confined to the occupation statute and not be concerned with the Assembly deadlock here.

The meeting with representatives of the American, British and French military Governments is due on Thursday in Frankfurt.

The Socialists said they will not discuss the constitution further until their party meeting drafts a policy on April 20 in Hanover.

The Socialists have demanded a more centralised Government than the military governors of the American and French zones are willing to give.

They informed the Christian Democratic Assembly President, Konrad Adenauer, that they cannot agree with his suggestion to speed up the work on the constitution so that the Germans may rule themselves under the occupation statute announced on Sunday.

Demand For Speed

The Allies later today asked the Assembly to hasten the draft.

There is no indication that Kurt Schumacher, fiery head of the Social Democrats, will take a softer stand when he meets with his deputies in Hanover.

The 11 West German Minister Presidents, in a communiqué issued here today, hailed the occupation statute agreed by the British, French and United States Foreign Secretaries at Washington as "a substantial progress on the German people's road to recovery of their sovereignty."

Expressing regret that "important German wishes have remained unfulfilled," the communiqué said that the value of the statute will depend on the spirit in which it is implemented. The statute "permits us to hope for the integration of Germany into the European family of nations as an equal," the Minister Presidents said.

The communiqué does not indicate what amendments to the statute, if any, the Premiers will suggest when they meet the

Western Military Governors on Thursday.

The Communists tonight demanded that the West German Constituent Assembly reject the occupation statute on the grounds that it is a breach of the Potsdam agreement and will split Germany.

The Communist resolution calls for rejection of the statute at the meeting tomorrow of Assembly leaders.

The Socialists and Christian Democrats immediately countered the demand by postponing the meeting indefinitely. — United Press and Reuter.

**Elephant
Loose In
BOAC Plane**

Karachi, April 12.
 A 67-stone baby elephant broke loose in a BOAC freight aircraft flying from Calcutta to the London Zoo. After three dog passengers gave the alarm, the baby "Babli" was rounded up and coaxed back into its cage.

The plane landed here, but before taking off today an "extraordinary" quantity of condensed milk was taken on board to keep the baby elephant quiet. — Reuter.

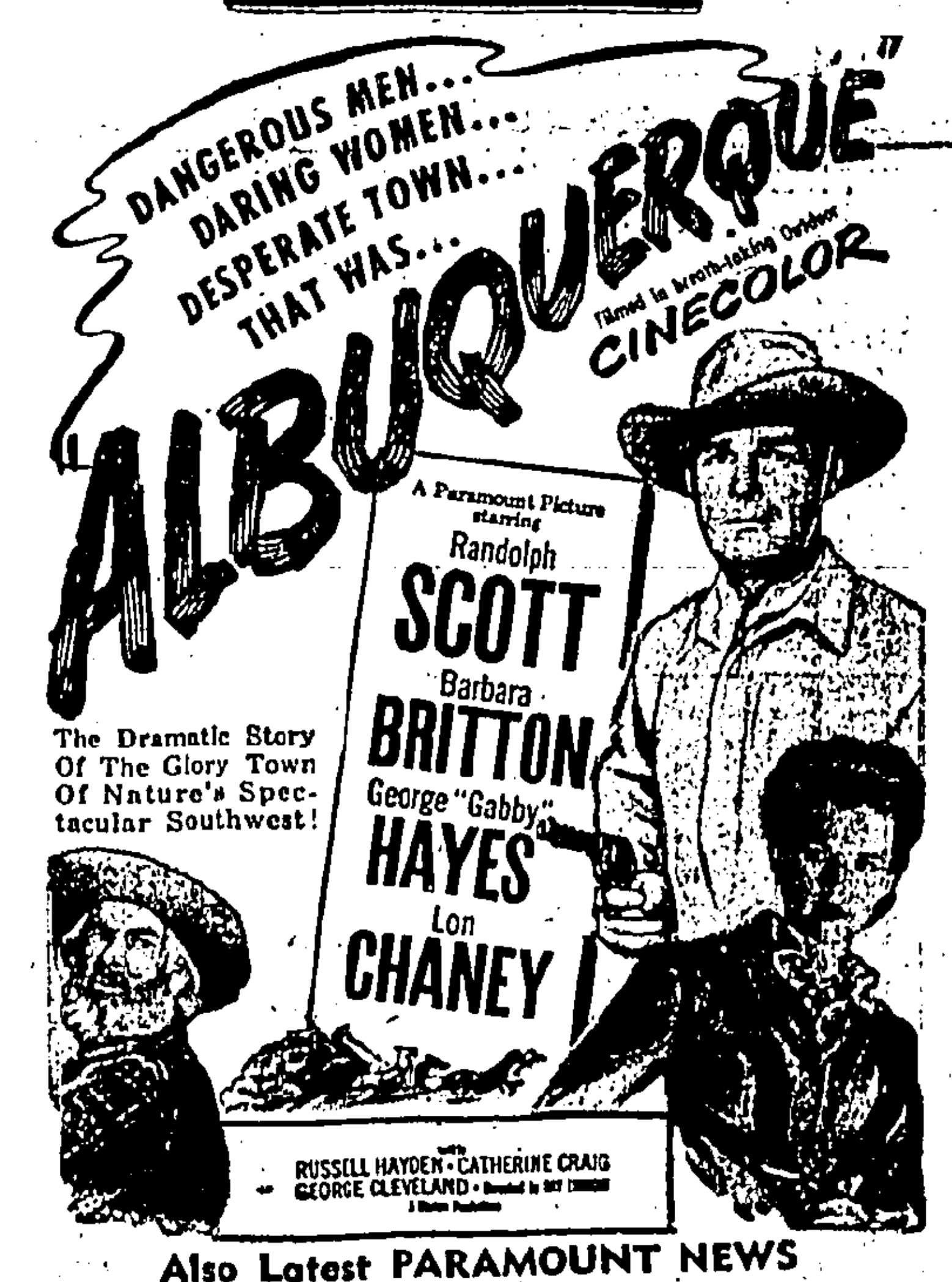
Cannes, April 12.
 Prince Aly Khan and Rita Hayworth arrived at the Prince's Riviera villa today after a 600-mile drive from Paris. — United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong, broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 532 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m. — "Think on These Things." (H.K.T.)
 12.30 p.m. — Daily Programme Summary.
 12.32 p.m. — "From the Films."
 1.00 p.m. — "Walters played by the International Concert Orchestra."
 1.15 p.m. — News, Weather Report and Announcements.
 1.25 p.m. — Interlude.
 1.30 p.m. — "Orchestra of the Week" — Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.
 2.00 p.m. — Close Down.
 2.05 p.m. — Programme Summary.
 2.10 p.m. — Children's Story: "Matilda Mouse" by Dora Johnson. (H.K.T.)
 2.15 p.m. — "Matilda goes 'Down Under'." Read by Wilfred Pickles.
 6.15 p.m. — Light Orchestral Selections.

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**SIR JOHN SHAW
WINS LIBEL SUIT**

London, April 12.

The settlement of a libel action brought by Sir John Shaw, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Trinidad, and formerly Chief Secretary in Palestine, arising out of passages in the book "The Rape of Palestine," was announced in the High Court today.

The defendants were the St. Botolph Publishing Company, of London, publishers of the book in Britain.

Mr. H. L. Parker, for Sir John, said that the American author had been notified of the proceedings, which arose out of passages in the book dealing with the bombing of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, on July 22, 1946.

The inference was that Sir John was responsible for the death of the 60 persons killed in the explosion and that he was a coward who had saved his own life at the expense of many of his colleagues, subordinates and friends.

The true position was the exact reverse of that. Mr. Parker said that Sir John Shaw received no warning from anyone and did not direct anyone to remain in the building. The statement that he forbade people to leave, though he himself got out, was "untrue."

"Outraguous Libel"

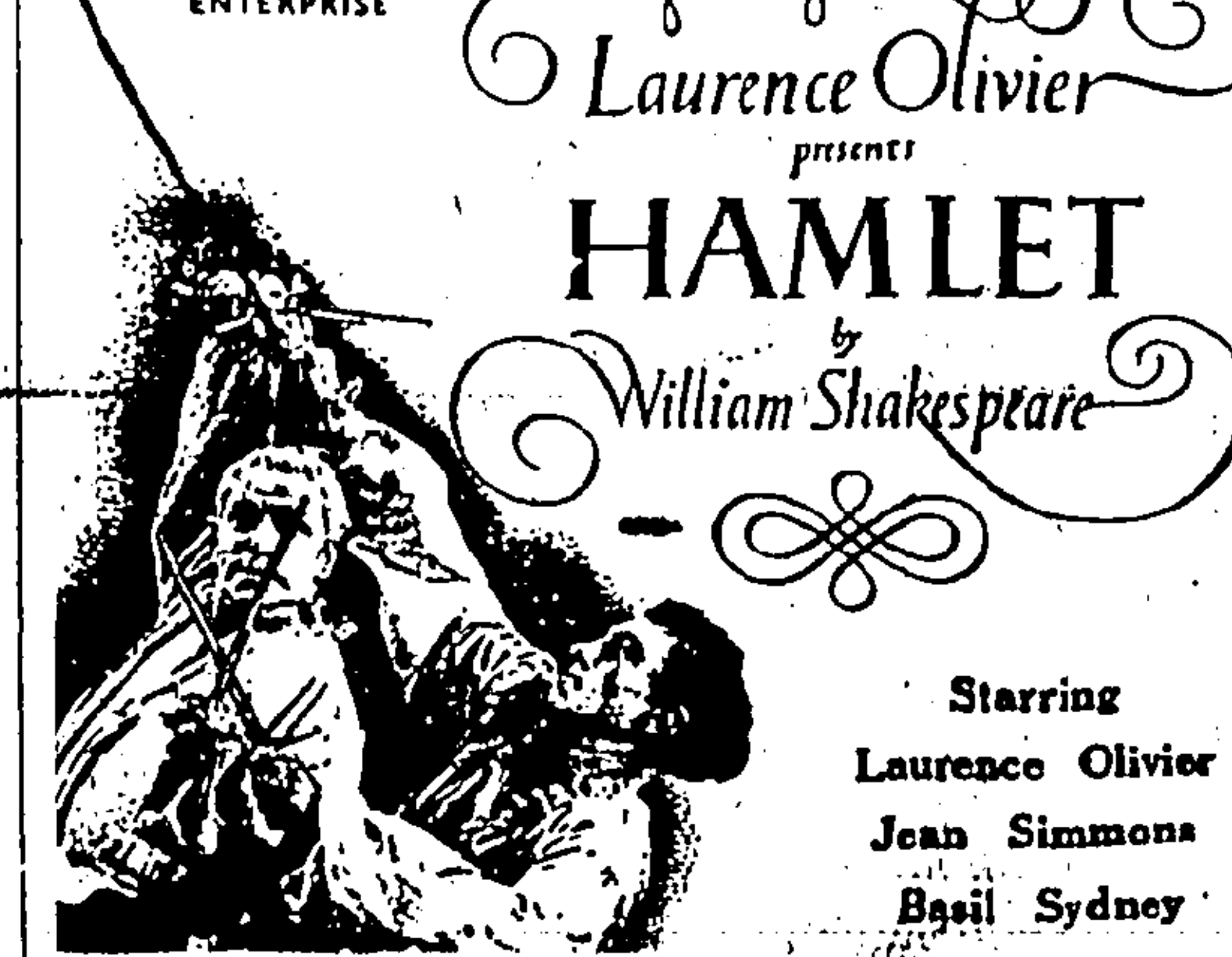
Mr. Parker said Sir John went through dust and fumes, and crawled along a narrow ledge over pits of shattered masonry to bring others out of the wreckage. Many of the 60 killed were his close friends.

Singapore, April 12.
 A European police officer was killed today when the patrol he led came upon an insurgent sentry near Kankar Senangar in the Batu Pahat area of Johore. — Reuter.

TODAY ONLY **Queens** AT 2.30, 5.30
 & 9.00 P.M.



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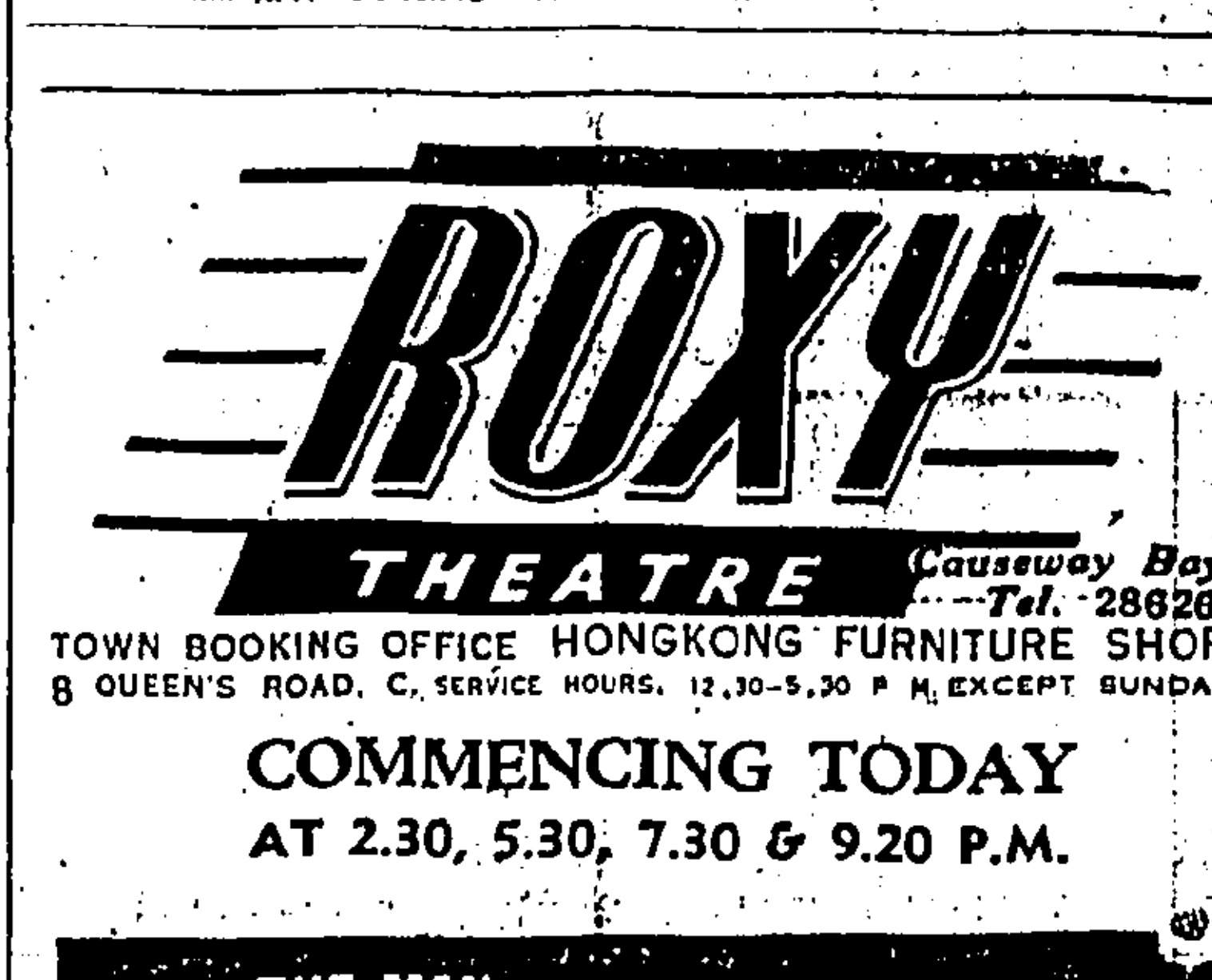


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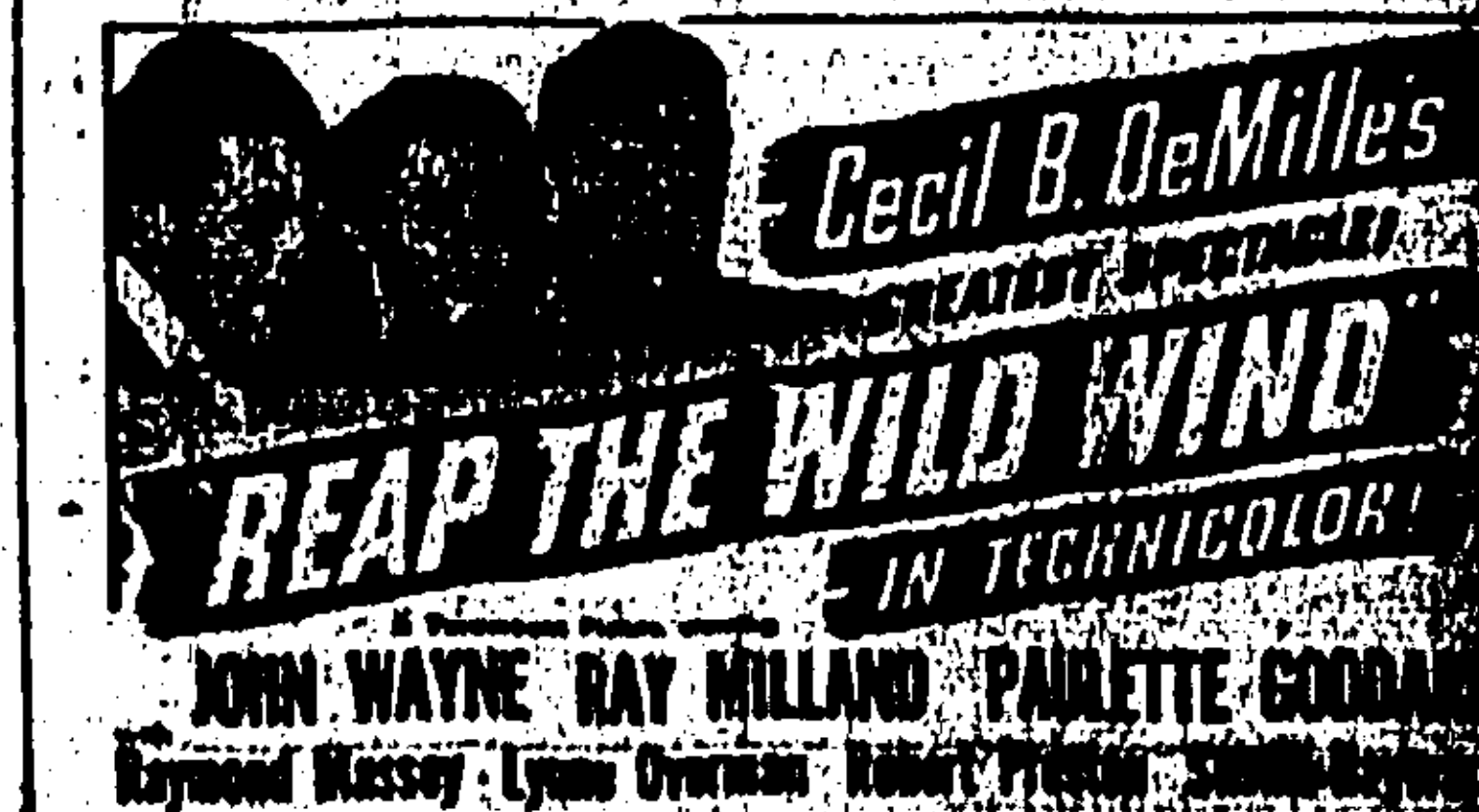
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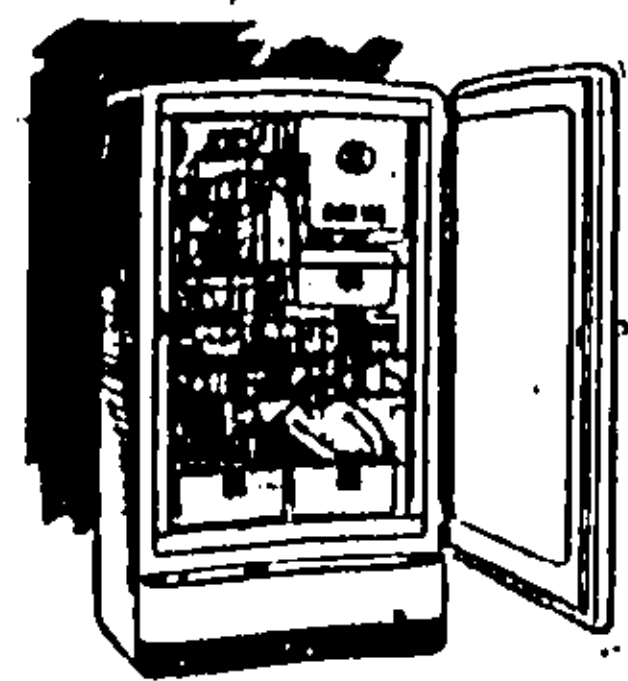


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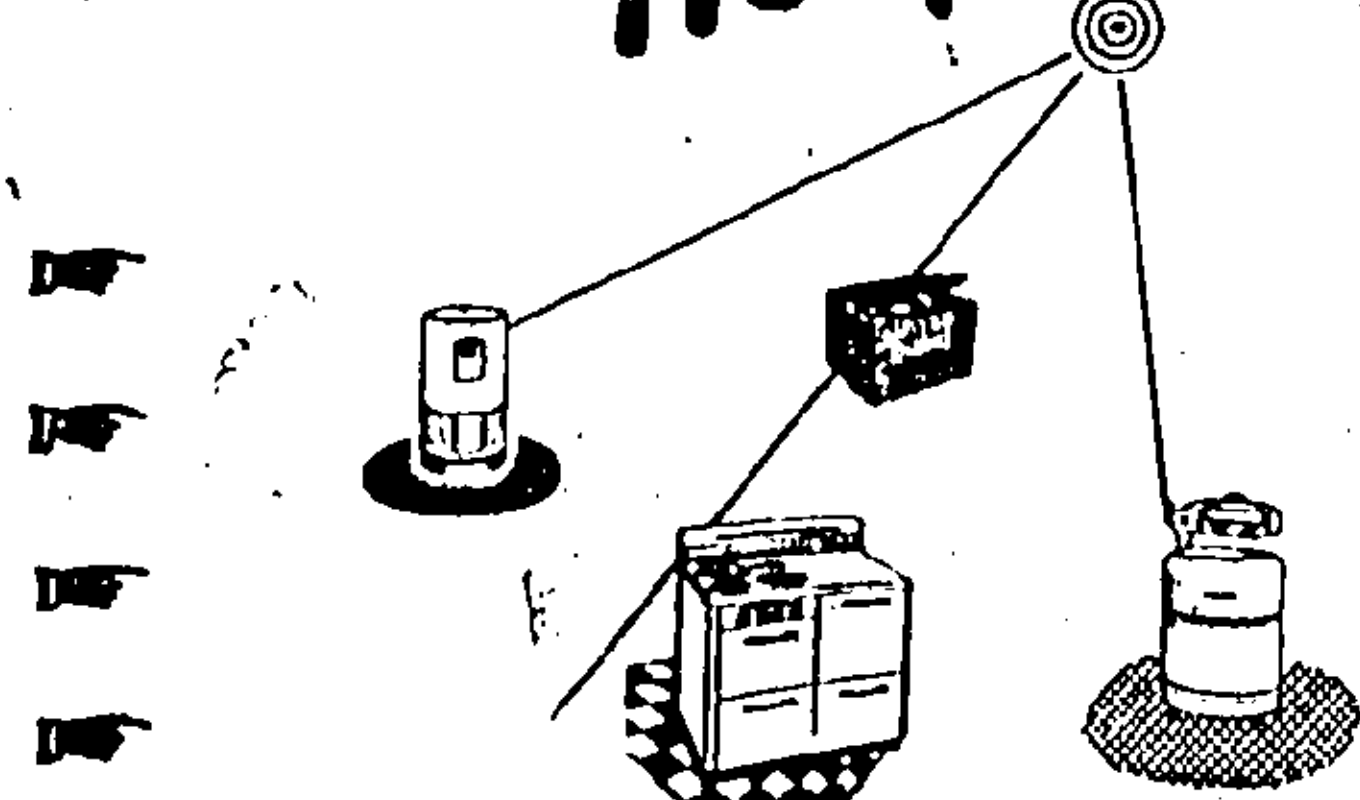
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S. A. Sleep, Secretary.

AMERICA DETERMINED TO ENSURE PEACE IN THE PACIFIC REGIONS

New York, April 12.

'Ball Of Fire' In U.S. Skies

New York, April 12.
A brilliant meteor streaked across the New England skies during the night and burst in a blaze of glory. An airline pilot said: "Parts seemed to be falling all over Rhode Island."

Observers report seeing the phenomenon all the way from Portland, Maine, to Long Island, New York, while a little earlier in the day an Air Force pilot reported seeing "a ball of fire" fall to the ground near Newcastle, Delaware.—Reuter.

RUSSIA TO HELP ALBANIA

London, April 12.

Russia has granted Albania immediate help to enable her to develop her production and build railways and factories, according to the Albanian Prime Minister, General Enver Hoxha, quoted tonight by Tifana Radio.

Russia will also supply food and consumer goods, he added. The Premier was addressing crowds in Tifana last night after his return from Moscow where he led an Albanian Goodwill Mission.

The Premier also said: "Our people remain faithful to the death to the great Soviet Union, to the glorious defender of peace, to the protector of all peoples, to the great protector of our people, Stalin."

The new Russian-Albanian agreement is designed to give Albania the essential economic and perhaps military aid which she lost through the Cominform dispute with Yugoslavia, observers here think.

Before the Cominform's break with Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito, last June developed, Albania had been promised such extensive Yugoslav aid that the two countries were described as being almost economically merged. Since then, this aid has ceased.

Observers think that Albania's pressing need for foreign aid is indicated by the fact that the delegation under the Premier himself, with the chairman of the State Planning Commission and three Deputy Premiers, spent three weeks away from Albania to negotiate the agreement.—Reuter.

The United States Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. Myron Cowan, said today that the United States has not and will not relax its determination to use its strength and influence to assure peace and progress in the Pacific.

"While the dramatic nature of the European recovery programme and the North Atlantic Pact has naturally focussed attention on American efforts in the Atlantic area, this should not obscure the tremendous scope of our activities in the Pacific."

Among these activities he cited the following:

1. The United States for more than three years has borne almost alone the heavy responsibilities and expenditures involved in the occupation of Japan and Southern Korea and the complex planning and administration required to prepare those countries for peaceful and constructive self-government.

2. "We have fulfilled our promise to establish the Philippine Republic as an independent nation and, in recognition of the part played by that country in the war, we have provided special assistance for its rehabilitation."

3. The United States has spent something like \$4,000,000,000 on relief, rehabilitation and stabilisation in the Far East since V-J Day—not counting the costs of the military occupation of Japan and Korea.

Mr. Cowan indicated that this shows the United States has lost none of its war-born interest in international co-operation, particularly with Pacific nations.

Immense Changes

In effect, his speech counteracted recent charges by some Far Eastern and U.S. editorial writers that the United States was neglecting the Far East more and more in favour of Europe.

"It is true that many of our efforts to promote advancement and political stability have been regional in direction," he said, but added: "This has implied no weakening in support of our interests anywhere nor in our support of the United Nations."

He explained that this was made necessary by the continuing crises which threatened one European country after another.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian External Affairs Minister, said: "We must beware lest over-concentration on Europe obscure the crucial importance of the immense changes going on in China and South East Asia."

Shaping History

"Nationalism and the struggle for better living conditions in this region are helping to shape the history of the whole world and in the long run will prove more significant than some of the events in other parts of the world which are at present occupying headlines."

"Standards of living in South East Asia are very low. In accordance with obligations, we

have accepted under the United Nations Charter that we should co-operate in measures to improve these standards.

"This is the only effective way of answering extremist movements in that region."

"The United States is equally interested in preventing aggression and promoting standards of welfare in this region. Comradeship between Australia and the United States is an essential factor in the future of the Pacific."

—United Press.

Tribute To Roosevelt

Flushing, April 12.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, President of the General Assembly, interrupted United Nations proceedings today for a moment's silence in memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. Evatt stopped the proceedings for a one-minute "dedication" precisely at 4.35 p.m., the hour of Mr. Roosevelt's death four years ago today.

In a brief salute to the late President, Dr. Evatt hailed him as "one of our great founders, a champion of democracy, great statesman of our time and of all time."

"In one sense it is a practical tribute to him that this General Assembly is in session today, going forward with its business in the regular way," added Dr. Evatt.

Delegates of all 58 member nations and hundreds of spectators rose and stood silent.

United Press.

ECONOMIST GETS HARD LABOUR

Stockholm, April 12.

An economist, Laila Suurvaali, whose release from Swedish custody Russia has twice demanded in diplomatic notes, was sentenced today to four months' hard labour for illegally supplying information to a foreign Power.

Most of the trial was held in secret. Suurvaali was also fined 1,850 crowns. He was charged with selling to the Soviet Embassy the names and addresses of Baltic refugees here who had applied for emigration visas to Canada and other countries.—Reuter.



Herbert V. Evatt (right), Australian Minister for External Affairs and President of the United Nations General Assembly, pays homage before the shrine of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhiji's Samadhi, Rajghat, India. (AP Photo).

America To Help In Philippines' Defence

Washington, April 13.

Major-General Albert M. Jones expressed optimism yesterday that the United States will meet further Philippine defence needs in a practical manner.

"I have completed presentation of Island needs to Government authorities and their reaction was distinctly favourable," General Jones said in an exclusive interview.

The General expressed regret about not returning to the Philippines, but he added: "I shall continue my deep and sincere interest in the Islands' welfare. I shall lend aid whenever and wherever possible."

General Jones said his successor as Mission Chief has not been decided. Colonel Simpson Strickland, the Mission's Ordnance Officer and present acting chief, will continue in that capacity until a regular chief is appointed.

—Associated Press.

Entirely Academic Question

London, April 13.

The British Government declined a Communist suggestion in the House of Commons today that it should raise with the other signatories of the North Atlantic Pact the question of inviting the Soviet Union to become a party.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said: "The Foreign Secretary (Mr. Ernest Bevin) does not intend to take this initiative."

Mr. Philip Piratin (Communist), who had made the suggestion, asked what the objections were. He asked the Minister to bear in mind a statement made officially in Washington some days ago that there is no objection to the Soviet Union's becoming a signatory to the treaty, provided certain conditions are observed.

Mr. Mayhew replied: "I am not aware of the Washington statement, but in view of the Soviet attitude to the pact, the suggestion is entirely academic."—Reuter.

SMALLPOX SCARE IN BRITAIN

London, April 12.

Six people are under observation in hospital and a train is in quarantine following the deaths from smallpox of four passengers who travelled from Australia last week on the 20,952-ton liner Mooltan.

A nationwide warning broadcast last night by the Ministry of Health to people who travelled last Tuesday on the North-bound 10.15 a.m. express from London had produced no further suspect cases this morning, it was officially stated.

One of the Mooltan's passengers travelled on this train while in the early stages of smallpox. Nine coaches of the express were sealed up near Harrogate, with large "Keep Out" notices displayed all round.

The Ministry of Health has warned all passengers on the train who felt sick to report to doctors immediately.

In Sydney, Australians intending to travel overseas are hurriedly arranging for vaccination following news of deaths from smallpox among passengers aboard the Mooltan.

Vaccination for Australian sea passengers is not obligatory and most of the intending passengers presented themselves voluntarily at Commonwealth health clinics.—Reuter.

ULSTER CHANGES

Belfast, April 12.

Three changes in the Northern Ireland Cabinet were announced here today. Sir Roland Nugent, Minister of Commerce, has resigned because of the strain of his duties and becomes Minister without Portfolio, without departmental responsibilities.

He will be succeeded as Minister of Commerce by Mr. W. B. Maginness, Minister of Labour and National Insurance.—Reuter.

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NEGOTIATIONS TO OPEN IN BATAVIA

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS

Athens, April 12. The Greek Prime Minister, M. Themistokles Sophoulis, handed to King Paul of the Hellenes tonight the resignation of his office Cabinet, and was asked to form a new Government.

The action, carried a threat to resign if King Paul did not sign a decree expelling M. Spyros Markezinis, Minister without Portfolio, because of allegations associating him with foreign exchange smuggling.

M. Markezinis yesterday refused to leave the Cabinet position.

M. Sophoulis, in a letter to the King, explained that political tension is threatening Cabinet unity and a re-examination of the composition of the Coalition is necessary.

"Therefore, to solve the difficulties which have arisen, I submit my resignation," the King, answering the Prime Minister, and that he agreed with M. Sophoulis' views regarding the political tension and accepted the resignation, but entrusted him with the task of forming a new Government. Reuter.

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Batavia, April 12. Four Indonesian Republican Ministers exiled on Bangka Island since December arrived here today by plane for talks with Dutch officials.

The Republican group, headed by Dr. Mohammed Rumi, will participate in preliminary negotiations aimed at the restoration of the Republic. The United States delegate, H. Merle Cochran, chairman of the United Nations Indonesian Commission, was at the airport to greet the Indonesian leaders.

Rumi said the delegation is prepared to begin negotiations immediately. "If results are to be obtained, the talks must reach a speedy conclusion. We hope that the new negotiations will be brief and quick in view of the present critical situation."

Informal sources said the conference will open on Thursday and then adjourn for a week to enable the delegates to exchange their views informally.

The Republican Party included the Minister for Information, Mohammed Natsir, the Minister for Education, Ali Sastroamidjojo, and the Minister for Health, J. Leimena.

Lieutenant-General S. H. Van Spone, Dutch military commander in Indonesia, has ordered his troops to treat prisoners "severely, but humanely and justly." The order, issued on March 24, was published today in "Wapenbroeders," the weekly newspaper of the Dutch forces in Indonesia.

General Van Spone said that although many reports of mistreatment of prisoners are greatly exaggerated, "I cannot avoid the impression that there are nevertheless cases where individuals sometimes act in an inadmissible way." He told the troops to respect property, "unless military action makes the measures in that respect unavoidable" and "never to take the law into their own hands."

U.S. Possimism
In Washington, informed official and diplomatic quarters await with considerable interest and some pessimism, the resumption of negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesian.

The consensus is that if the Dutch and Indonesians can agree on conditions of the Republican Government returning to Jogjakarta, then a major hurdle will have been surmounted and a favourable base laid for subsequent discussions at the Hague.

Meanwhile, Congressional sentiment for United Nations action such as economic sanctions against the Dutch appears to be increasing. A group of Congressmen headed by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine, signed and sent to President Truman a petition urging the United States to seek UN action against the Dutch.

This action came only a few days after Senator Brewster publicly threatened to delay ratification of the North Atlantic treaty if the United States takes no action against the Dutch whom he has accused of using United States aid material in their "police action" against the Indonesian Republicans.

Senator's Claim
Senator Brewster does not claim that his group can or will block ratification of the Atlantic pact. However, as he remarked to the United Press, they can seriously delay its approval. The Senator asserted that Dutch actions in Indonesia are in violation of the Atlantic pact, and will tend to destroy Senate confidence in the pact. He claimed, therefore, that the United States Government must take action to preclude any possibility of United States aid being used against the Indonesians before the Senate could ratify the pact in good conscience.

The petition to Mr. Truman to seek United Nations action against the Dutch came after Senator Brewster failed in his efforts to get the Senate to write into the ECA bill for next year a provision denying assistance to any country which disregarded the United Nations instructions.

Biggest Snag
His amendment was beaten down when a majority of the Senators decided it was the United Nations' responsibility, if anyone, to invoke sanctions against any member disregarding the Security Council wishes and that the United States should not attempt to impose unilateral sanctions.

Informal observers here think the biggest difficulty at the Batavia preliminary conference will arise out of the question of who will police Jogjakarta and vicinity if the Republican Government is allowed to return there.

The feeling is that the Dutch will agree to the return of the Republican Government to its former seat there but will be very reluctant to turn over military control of that area to the Republicans. It is expected that the Republicans will be equally determined to resume military control there.

It is thought that if this point can be settled amicably other questions may prove easier of solution.—United Press and Reuter.

Comics Called "Sadistic Literature"

London, April 12.

A bundle of coloured North American comics lay on the table of the House of Commons today when a Communist Member, Mr. Philip Piratin, asked what is being done to prevent the import of "sadistic literature for children from the United States and Canada."

Mr. John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, replied that his Department does not think censorship should be one of its functions. He added: "I do think it wrong to spend dollars on newspapers not imported for their news contents but because they happen to have these comic supplements. I have seen a number of these, and while I do not think they are more sadistic than the average British comics, I do think they are pretty trashy."

Reuter.

SELFRIDGE ESTATE SURPRISE

London, April 12.

American-born Harry Gordon Selfridge, who settled in Britain and became a millionaire department store "king," left an estate valued at only £1,544, it was disclosed today.

He bequeathed all his property to his four children.

Mr. Selfridge, who died in 1947, aged 90, at one time had personal control of interests worth £10,000,000. But he spent money lavishly and was famous for his luxury parties.

Born in Ripon, Wisconsin, he was a member of the firm of Marshall Field and Company, of Chicago. In 1903 he retired from business—but six years later came to London and founded the great department store which bears his name.

After years of huge profits a slump set in, and in 1941, the balance sheet showed a deficiency above £1,500,000. In 1939 Mr. Selfridge gave up the chairmanship of the store, but accepted the title of President with a salary of £2,000 a year.—Reuter.

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His Excellency Shri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, goes aboard the s.s. "V.O. Chidambaram" at Tuticorin, Southern India, to perform the ship's naming ceremony and to inaugurate the steamship service between Tuticorin and Colombo, Ceylon. Enthusiastic amateur photographers, at left, prepare to record a historic moment. (AP Photo).

MINDSZENTY TRIAL DISCUSSION BY UN

Flushing Meadows, April 13.

The United Nations General Assembly tonight approved inclusion on its agenda of discussion of the trial of Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and the 15 Bulgarian pastors.

The voting was 30 in favour and seven against, with 20 abstentions.

Earlier today, Hungary and Bulgaria both protested to the Assembly against the proposed discussion of the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty and the 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors. The protests were made in cables to the delegates, due to approve the Steering Committee's recommendation that the United Nations investigate the trials.

Both protests said the inclusion of the trials in the Assembly's agenda would be an unjustified interference in the internal affairs of the States concerned.

In the afternoon session, Yugoslavia joined with her Eastern European neighbours in condemning the proposed inquiry.

Mr. Vladimir Popovic, the Yugoslav representative, criticised the "motives" behind the proposal and said it was a part of the tendency to use the United Nations as a "tool" to interfere in the affairs of the Eastern European States.

Under Treaties
Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden told the Assembly today that they do not favour a discussion of the trials.

Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, Danish Foreign Minister, speaking on behalf of all four powers, said that the trials had occasioned "great concern" in the Northern countries as elsewhere.

M. Rasmussen continued: "We have considered with keen attention the different arguments bearing on the matter. What has determined our attitude is our conviction that the matter should first and foremost be treated as a matter under the peace treaties."

Czech Attack
"The Northern countries feel it would be more in conformity with international usage if the matter were treated in the first instance indicated by the peace treaties. This procedure, we think, should be tried first."

Dr. Vladimir Houdek, of Czechoslovakia, rejected most of the arguments.

Britons Interested In The Colonies

Livingstone, North

Rhodesia, April 12.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, said here today that the British people are much more interested in Colonial and Empire problems than ever before.

Mr. Creech Jones, who is touring British territories in Africa, said: "Never before has there been such a liberal outlook on the colonies by the British people. There is more discussion and more writing on Colonial affairs today than ever before, and this great interest has taken practical form in financial and technical help."

Reuter.

Hungarian Elections

Budapest, April 12.

The Hungarian Parliament was dissolved today and a

communique announced that the nation will vote for new delegates on a mass "yes or no" basis.

There will be no voting for individual candidates, the "Independent People's Front" disclosed in an announcement which said the system will lump all candidates on one ballot.

The People's Front includes all political parties except one minor group, the Women's Christian Camp, which is expected to be dissolved.

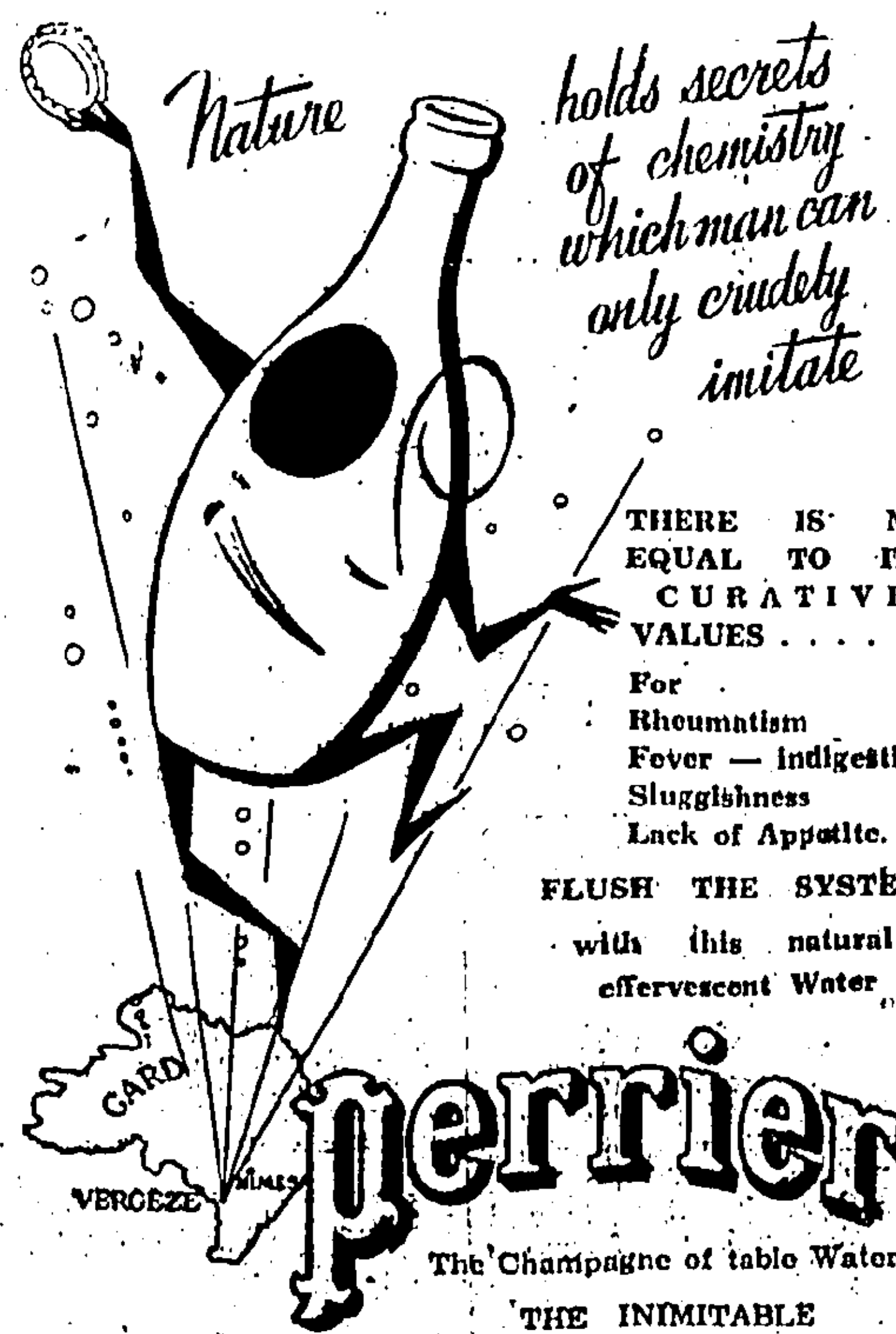
Informal quarters expect new elections will be held on May 15.—United Press.

TEXAS DISASTER CLAIMANTS

Houston, Texas, April 12.

Thousands of people have sued the French Government and the French Line for \$400,000,000 damages in a suit arising from the explosion of a nitrate-laden French freighter which caused 512 deaths at Houston in April, 1947. Damage to property in the disaster was estimated at \$50,000,000.

The plaintiffs have already filed similar suits for about \$800,000,000 against the United States Government.—Reuter.



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(This picture was taken at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1919, by the official photographer of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association. Just as the Duke, then Prince of Wales, was about to sign the book someone in the crowd cried: "Look out, you're signing the pledge." The smile that was recorded became world famous.)

that those who were closest were only trying to shake his hand. These men meant no harm; they had merely taken advantage of an opportunity which the War Office had not unconsciously given them of laying their grievances before the King in person.

The only danger was that his horse might become scared; and indeed had it started to thrash around in that dense crowd, someone almost certainly would have been hurt. And in such a charged atmosphere anything might have happened.

Fortunately the police were able to extricate us, but the mob was still milling around in the Park as we rode back to the Palace.

Worried Him

After my father dismounted he looked at me, remarking: "These men were in a funny temper."

And shaking his head, as if to rid himself of an unpleasant memory, he strode indoors.

For a while the exact meaning of all this turmoil puzzled them at the Palace; isolated as they were to some extent from the harsh impact of events by the protective cushion of Cabinet Ministers and courtiers, much of what was going on in Britain seemed remote and unreal.

This and other episodes could be conveniently explained away as the unfortunate but probably inevitable result of the post-war let-down which the innate goodness of the British people would presently have under control.

But I had seen enough to convince myself that the social unrest was related to the slaughter and the misery that the first "people's" war had inflicted upon the whole population.

Then the Russian revolution of 1917 with the murder of the Czar Nicholas and his family had shaken my father's confidence in the innate decency of mankind.

There was a very real bond between him and his first cousin, Nicholas; they corresponded with each other regularly; both were bearers of a distinctive character, and as young men they had looked much alike.

He Was Hurt

When, as Czarevitch, Nicholas came to London in 1893 for my father's wedding, my father was mistaken for him by a well-intentioned diplomat who asked if he had come over especially

In short, I was required to show myself to the British people in order to make my character known and at the same time to fill the Prince of Wales's traditional role of the leader of society.

The Prince of Wales has more liberty than the King; he can move around more, travel, mix freely with all kinds of people, and in general act as agent for the monarch.

At my father's suggestion I began to visit the great industrial cities of Britain—the factories and slums of Glasgow, Birmingham, Cardiff, Plymouth, Newcastle, the East End of London.

How different was this other world from Windsor, the Norfolk fens, the stately Palace rooms, the Calverton Mountains, and the Bath Club.

For me to say that these first hard looks at Britain's strength and shame fired my social conscience immediately would be pretentious. That came later with fact-finding and further enlightenment.

The precepts of my upbringing had been too firmly fixed for me to feel that poverty and bad housing conditions called for any spectacular or creative action by either my august father or myself.

No Politics

We could by all means evince sympathetic concern over such distressful conditions.

But these were matters bound up in partisan politics, and it had been drilled into me almost from my first days in the little schoolrooms of Marlborough House and Sandringham that while I was free to think as I pleased, if my ideas touched politics they must be kept to myself.

Yet I had been too long removed from Palace restraints and was already too much a part of my iconoclastic generation to fit readily into a cautious and submissive role.

As I moved around Britain it dawned on me that the country was discontented, restless, and disillusioned. There was rising unemployment.

The Servicemen not yet discharged were angry over the clumsy demobilisation programme; those who had been demobilised were disgruntled over the lack of jobs and homes, the disabled were bitter over inadequate disability pensions.

There were strikes and demonstrations, nothing big or dramatic, but disturbing in their frequency and prevalence.

And the trouble had infected the armed forces, leading to small, local, Socialist-inspired mutinies at certain supply ports.

Discontent

My father first came face to face with the new discontent one day in London.

The War Office, hoping to calm the growing dissatisfaction of the discharged disabled soldiers, asked my father to attend a parade of some 16,000 of these men in Hyde Park. Mounted and in uniform he rode out from the Palace with Bertie and me to review them.

The men, all in plain clothes, were dressed in divisional formation. At first glance everything appeared in order, the troops at attention, the bands playing, and so on.

Many men were on their lapels the "Silver Badge," signifying their honourable discharge for wounds or other disabilities.

But there was something in the air, a sullen unresponsiveness which all three of us felt instinctively. My father, steady as a rock, rode down the front line.

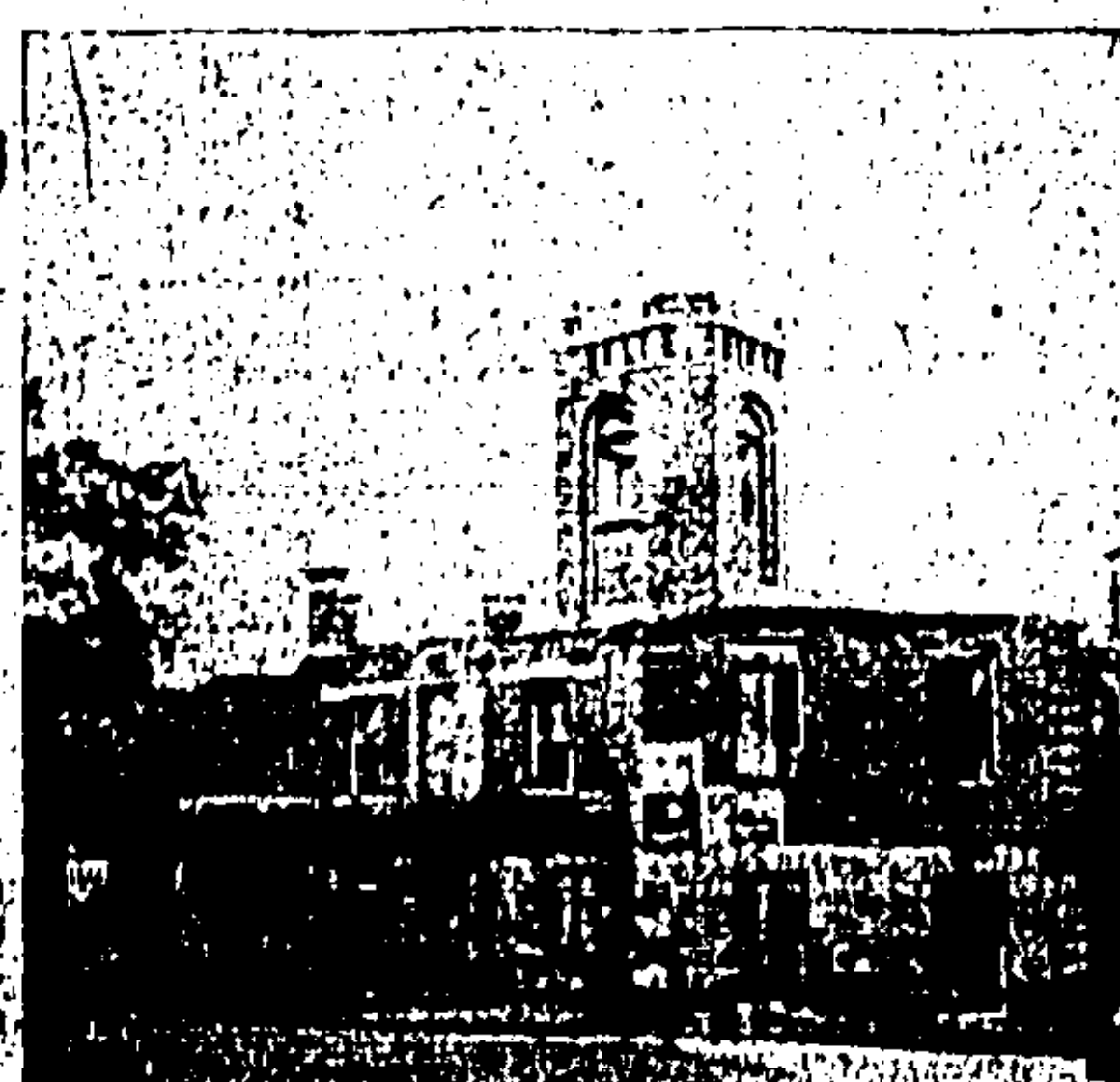
Suddenly there was a commotion at the rear, and as if by prearranged signal, banners with slogans that had been concealed were suddenly unfurled.

With cries of "Where is this land fit for heroes?"—a hurrying back of Lloyd George's famous election slogan—the men broke ranks and made straight for the King, who was quickly surrounded and cut off from me and my brother by a solid mass.

For a moment I feared my father would be borne to the ground. Then I saw, with relief,

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Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Nine.



My letters to my father had one theme: Let me take a more active part. No doubt to quiet these complaints, I was sent for a spell of duty to Second Division Headquarters at Bethune, only five miles from the front lines. From here, after my first trip to the front, I in obvious excitement wrote:

March 1, 1915.

Dear Papa,

Here the Germans are rather close so I didn't go into the front trench proper, though I managed to see the enemy's (sic) trenches as well as a lot of their dead. I spent a grand ten minutes spotting through my stalking glass for an officer who had his rifle aimed on a certain spot in a German trench where men could be seen frequently passing and standing.

Whenever I saw a man I told him, and he fired! I never saw one drop, but the bullets much have gone fairly close for the men used to disappear hurriedly!

So I spent a most wonderful two hours this morning; two hours that I shall never forget.

Hardly had I removed my eyes, figuratively speaking, from the fascinating panorama framed within the lens of my stalking glass before I was whisked back, by Sir John French's order, to the safety of St. Omer.

The battle of Neuve Chapelle was about to begin. It was, in the Headquarters view, no place for the Prince of Wales. I was nearly 25 when I returned to London after the 1914-18 war, and the time had come for me to set up my own establishment.

Giving up my room on the third floor of Buckingham Palace, I moved into York House, one of the picturesque group of old buildings at the foot of St. James's Street, known as St. James's Palace.

This meant leaving our little family circle, although it had pretty much disintegrated by then.



WHEN THE A.E.F. went into Germany the great Billy Mitchell took me flying.

Only my sister Mary, today the Princess Royal, who had worked through the war in hospitals as a nurse's aide, remaining at home. Bertie, now the King, had transferred to the Royal Air Force after the Battle of Jutland and long spells on the sick list in the Navy.

Harry—the Duke of Gloucester—a "gentleman cadet" at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, had by then taken the first step in his Army career.

George—the late Duke of Kent—was in his first year at Dartmouth, a boarding school much higher in the order of his term than either Bertie or myself ever had. And my youngest brother, John, had died a few months before.

Our old tutor, Henry Peter Hansell, his long and painstaking task completed, had retired, although I saw him occasionally thereafter.

Finch, my valet, followed me to York House, as major-domo, a step which he was afterwards heard to describe as the beginning of his education.

My Job

My return from the war meant helping my father in the business of kingship. He had a perfectly clear idea of what he expected of me.

It was that I should stop without delay in the customary duties devolving on the Heir-Apparent—the laying of cornerstones, the ceremonial tree-planting, the opening of new highways; appearing before civic groups and assuming the honorary chairmanship of worthy charities, and other institutions.

ly wound inflicted on the Empire—and one, which could have been avoided.

There was some languid talk recently about educating the people at home regarding (what?) of the Empire. Let us hope that something will indeed be done, before it is too late.

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DEATH

LAUREL — BERNADETTE (NENE) ROCHA passed away at her residence, 2 Devon Road, Kowloon Tong, yesterday. Funeral will pass the Monument at 6 p.m. today. (Macao and Manila papers please copy).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MRS. ROSALEEN MILLAR and sisters gratefully thank the Staff of the Queen Mary Hospital for their devoted attention, the Religious Community for their spiritual assistance, and all friends for Masses, attendance at the funeral, charitable donations, floral tributes, letters of sympathy and many kindnesses at the death of their late Mother.

IMPERIAL CROSSROADS

The pronouncements of statesmen in Britain regarding colonial policy are naturally read out here with avidity, perhaps more so than ever during the Socialist regime. It gave many people to think, therefore, when Sir Stafford Cripps said that when he thought of the British Empire, his head was bowed in shame. It has always been an axiom among the Socialists that the Empire was built up by cruelty and bloodshed, and that it was maintained by the same methods, in the interests of capitalism. Some went so far as to suggest that the armed forces of the Crown were merely a form of police whose purpose was to guard investments.

It was all nonsense, of course. If we needed a proof of the beneficence, on the whole, of British imperialism, we have simply to compare it with Russia's today. Russia has expanded by deliberate policy. Britain, as Sir John Seeley said, acquired her empire in a fit of absence of mind. Usually, trade did not follow the flag. The flag followed trade. The most obvious example was the case of India.

But if we acquired the Empire in a fit of absence of mind, we have begun the process of losing it in a what seems a fit of derangement of mind, born of infatuation with doctrinaire politics. Socialist MP's have plumed themselves unctuously on their success in disintegrating the Empire, little realising that when an imperial power is on the retreat, trade still follows the flag. Like the flag, it disappears, with grave consequences to the home economy.

Up to a point the Socialists seem to have been forced to think again. They have been obliged to repudiate their past in the case of Malaya. It is superfluous to emphasise the commercial importance of Malaya to Britain, and the Home government have apparently decided that we must hold it in face of all Communist trouble-making. Or rather, the planters and a small number of troops must hold it with tenacious bravery against murderously heavy odds.

A gentleman just returned from England remarks that the people there, know little of the difficulties facing their countrymen in Malaya, which after all is so far away from them. This may be understandable, but from all reports there is considerable bitterness among the Britons who are fighting in Malaya. They will not give in, but if they did, it would be one more dead.



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The USA and the USSR have agreed at last. They will both veto the proposed 85 nation radio agreement.

More American troops urgently wanted for Europe. Politicians of course, have to keep an eye on the feminine vote.

Red ditty.
When Chiang Kai-shek has gone to rest he free.
Then China can be free.
Why doesn't he just give it best
And take off like T.V.I.

Incidentally, one will get you 10 that the great leader will go to Taiwan shortly. Curiously, in Chinese "it's too late to be sorry now" is also "Tai-Wan".

In the next war it is probable that India will be more interested in turning a rupee than making whoopee.

As the Communists get closer to Nanking they also get closer to an agreement with the Nationalists.

Bulgaria is now considered to be free from capitalist infection since it was pastured.

An American woman has written "China Changed My Mind." She is also, we hear, minding a lot of American change.

Communism is said to offer Japanese youth "a concrete solution." Seems they're all set for the Russian blick.

Cigar companies want women to help them popularize their products. Myrtle says that as far as she is concerned they haven't hope.

of my own, a little on the cynical side maybe, but sure that I knew the answers.

My father, on the other hand, was very much the King, wholly steeped in the Victorian and Edwardian traditions that had been the order under which he had lived the best and most vigorous years of his life.

His many visits to the front, combined with his tireless and sympathetic rounds of the military camps and defence plants at home, had endeared him to the British people and impressed them with the sincerity of his character. At the same time he had come to know them better.

My 'Bowler'

Yet the strange new concepts that were beginning to permeate our island, and the seemingly reckless desire for change in everything both puzzled and vexed him, the more so because his eldest son seemed to share many of these peculiar notions.

For one thing, there was the business of wearing a top hat—the silk topper of pre-war formal dress.

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PACT GOES TO U.S. SENATE

Atlantic Treaty For Ratification

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATORS

Washington, April 12.

President Truman today sent the North Atlantic Treaty to the Senate for ratification.

In an accompanying message, President Truman said that the peoples of the North Atlantic community are resolved that their nations should not suffer one by one the same fate as certain nations which had been deprived of freedom by terror and oppression.

President Truman said: "The people of the North Atlantic community have seen solemn agreements, designed to assure peace and the rights of small nations, broken one by one and the people of those nations deprived of freedom by terror and oppression."

"They are resolved that their nations shall not, one by one, suffer the same fate."

The President said that the treaty is only one step—although a long one—on the road to peace.

"No single action, no matter how significant, will achieve peace. We must continue to work patiently and carefully, advancing with practical, realistic steps in the light of the circumstances and events as they occur, building the structure of peace soundly and solidly."

"I believe that the North Atlantic Treaty is such a step, based on the realities of the situation we face today and framed within the terms of the United Nations Charter and the Constitution of the United States."

"In the conviction that the North Atlantic Treaty is a great advance towards the fulfilment of the unquenchable will of the people of the United States to achieve a just and enduring peace, I request the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification."

Mr. Acheson's Statement

The President submitted the mutual defence agreement for Senate ratification only eight days after the historic document was signed here by the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and the Foreign Ministers of 11 other nations.

The peaceful objectives of the mutual aid pact also were stressed anew by Mr. Acheson in a separate report to the President.

Mr. Acheson said the alliance members in signing the accord reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the United Nations charter and their desire to live at peace with all peoples and all governments.

"By pledging their joint aid," he said, "they express their determination to safeguard the freedom and the common heritage and civilisation of their peoples founded upon the principles of Democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law."

Essence Of Pact

Mr. Acheson went on to repeat previous assurances that there is no automatic commitment for the U.S. to go to war in an effort to help an ally under attack. He said the treaty poses an obligation upon each party to use its honest judgment as to action it deems necessary to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area.

The essence of the agreement, he said, is the recognition of the fact that an armed attack on any of the North Atlantic nations is in effect an attack upon them all directed squarely against our common Democratic way of life.

While the Senate is expected to approve the treaty by a large margin when it is finally brought to a vote, there are prospects of long debate ahead before the final ballot.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee told reporters that the Committee probably will not open its hearings on the treaty until April 25, although the group originally had planned to begin them on Monday.

Arms Cost

Mr. Connally did not disclose reasons for the delay, but many Senators have been demanding that the administration furnish estimates of the cost of helping rearm Western Europe at the same time they are considering the treaty itself.

On that score, Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican floor leader, said: "The Administration is fumbling with fate by not telling the lawmakers what it is going to cost to implement this treaty."

Mr. Truman did not touch on the arms issue in his special message, but he has said that the military aid programme will be submitted after it has been cleared by the Budget Bureau and other agencies concerned.

In Brussels, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies today approved the North Atlantic Pact by 12 to one with one abstention. The lone opposition vote was cast by a Communist.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

Joint U.S.-Canada Emergency Body

Washington, April 12.

The United States and Canada today agreed to set up a joint committee to study mobilisation of industrial resources of both nations in the event of an emergency.

The State Department released an exchange of notes establishing a body, to be known as the Joint United States and Canada Industrial Mobilisation Committee. The function of the Committee will be to exchange information and co-ordinate the views of the two Governments in connection with planning for industrial mobilisation in the event of an emergency.

The Committee will co-operate with the United States and Canadian Permanent Joint Defence Board.

U.S. members will be Dr. John

Steelman, acting chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and Donald Carpenter, chairman of the U.S. Munitions Board.

Canadian members will be Harry Carmichael, chairman of the Industrial Defence Board, and S. B. Pierce, deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

The American note establishing the Committee said that the advantages of co-ordinating plans for industrial mobilisation are clearly indicated by the common interests of Canada and the United States in defence, their proximity and the complementary characteristics of their resources.—United Press.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING FROM HK

Shanghai, April 12.

In a statement to the press tonight the Chinese Maritime Customs said that a protest has been addressed to the British Navy over the sensational smuggling case uncovered by Customs officers on Monday and in which a British ship is alleged to be involved.

The ship is the Green Archer, a fleet auxiliary vessel manned by civilians, most of them Chinese, and without British officers or ratings.

The Customs claim that the ship smuggled from Hong Kong woolen textiles, saccharine and radio parts.

Two Chinese arrested are said to have admitted operating a smuggling ring, bringing goods in the Green Archer.—Reuter.

Canadian Officials Worried

Ottawa, April 12.

Government officials here are concerned at what they describe as the deterioration of British-Canadian relations, particularly economic and trade relations.

In the face of the trade barriers going up against them in dollar-short Britain and other Dominions, there is some feeling that Canada's relationship to the Commonwealth is becoming almost as involved as those of Elre and India.

At present Canada finds herself apparently drifting away from the old Commonwealth idea, and her close proximity with the United States is influencing her relationship with Britain.

Chief among the senior Canadian officials is the Minister of Finance, Mr. Douglas Abbott. In his recent Budget speech, he protested against British bilateral trade deals, which he said, freeze Canada out of her traditional markets.—Reuter.

Surprise Vote On Budget In Commons

London April 12.

The Labour Government tonight easily won preliminary approval of its austerity Budget in the House of Commons.

The Communists forced a vote and the Conservative Party abstained to a man.

The vote, taken on a motion to send the Budget to committee for study, was 302 for and three against, but it was by no means a fair test of the overwhelming opposition by the Conservatives to the Budget, which was laid down last week by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps.

The Conservatives abstained apparently because a division was forced by the only two Communist members in the House of Commons, William Gallacher and Philip Pirbright.

The other man who voted with them against the budget was John Platt-Mills, former Labour Party member who has gone over to side with the Communists on almost every issue.

About a dozen Labour members also abstained on the vote, dealing that opposition within the Party to the budget has not yet died down.

Surprise Move

The budget will now be taken up in the Ways and Means Committee, and then returned to the floor of the House as a finance bill for another vote.

On that occasion, the Conservatives are expected to register their real opposition to what they have called the "joy through misery" budget.

The vote tonight caught both sides by surprise. Both Labour and the Conservatives had sent out Whips for tomorrow night, when they expected a vote on the Budget. However, the Communists forced the issue suddenly.—United Press.

Japanese To Remember Englishman

Tokyo, April 12.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday in Tokyo for the first European to acquaint Japan with the Western world. William Adams, an Englishman who set foot on Japanese soil near Nagasaki on Southern Honshu, was the first to instruct the Japanese on findings the West made in the fields of shipbuilding, gunnery, geography and mathematics.

A crew member of a Dutch ship and was imprisoned in the Tokyo area by the Japanese who at that time looked upon foreigners as "Chinese barbarians."

Later on, however, he was redeemed by the services he rendered to the Shogun who, at the time, was ruling the country for the Emperor.

When he died a shrine was erected in his memory in the Tokyo area which will be the centre of the memorial services.—United Press.

CHURCH TRAGEDY INVESTIGATION

Marion, April 12.

A state investigation of the blast that flattened St. Mary's Catholic Church, killing six worshippers as they knelt in prayer, has been started by the South Dakota Fire Marshal's Office.

The explosion reduced the brick church to rubble a few moments before Palm Sunday Mass was to have started.—Reuter.

BRITISH EXPORT DRIVE

London, April 12.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today that he will call a meeting on April 28 to launch the intensive sales drive to increase British exports to the United States and Canada which he announced in Parliament yesterday.

The meeting will be attended by leading representatives of British trade, finance and industry, together with trade union and co-operative movement delegates.

Mr. Wilson's plan, which calls for an increase of exports to the North American market up to £100,000,000 next year, is widely featured in the British press today. The Minister of Supply, Mr. George R. Strauss, said today that the Government will do everything in its power to assist industries to increase exports across the Atlantic and help the sales mechanism to move swiftly and smoothly.

The Minister, speaking at a lunch to celebrate the recent successes of Norton motor cycles in the Daytona races, added that Britain's motor cycle industry is a persistent and most valuable foreign currency earner, exports having risen from less than 20,000 machines in 1938 to over 75,000 last year.

Already, the motor cycle industry has achieved outstanding results in the United States and Canada, sending 8,178 machines to the United States and 3,790 to Canada last year.—Reuter.

ARMY FAMILIES COMING EAST

London, April 12.

Since June 1, 1947, 983 families have joined their husbands serving in the British Army in Malaya and Singapore, the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

Fifty-eight are at present en route and 276 families have been called forward and are awaiting passage.

Asked how many remain on the waiting list, Mr. Shinwell said this could not be given without reference to the military authorities in the Far East.

The information would be obtained and passed on to Commander Allan Noble, Conservative Member, who made the inquiry, Mr. Shinwell said.—Reuter.

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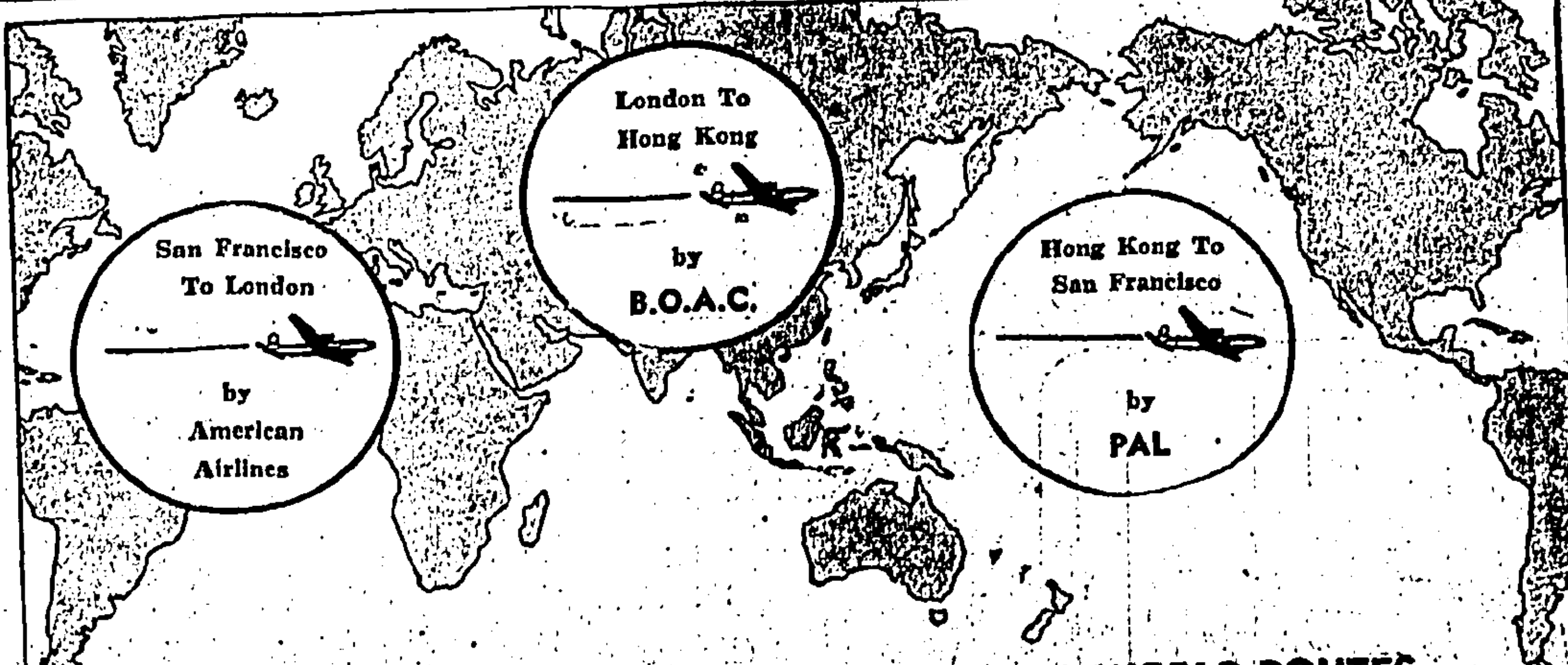
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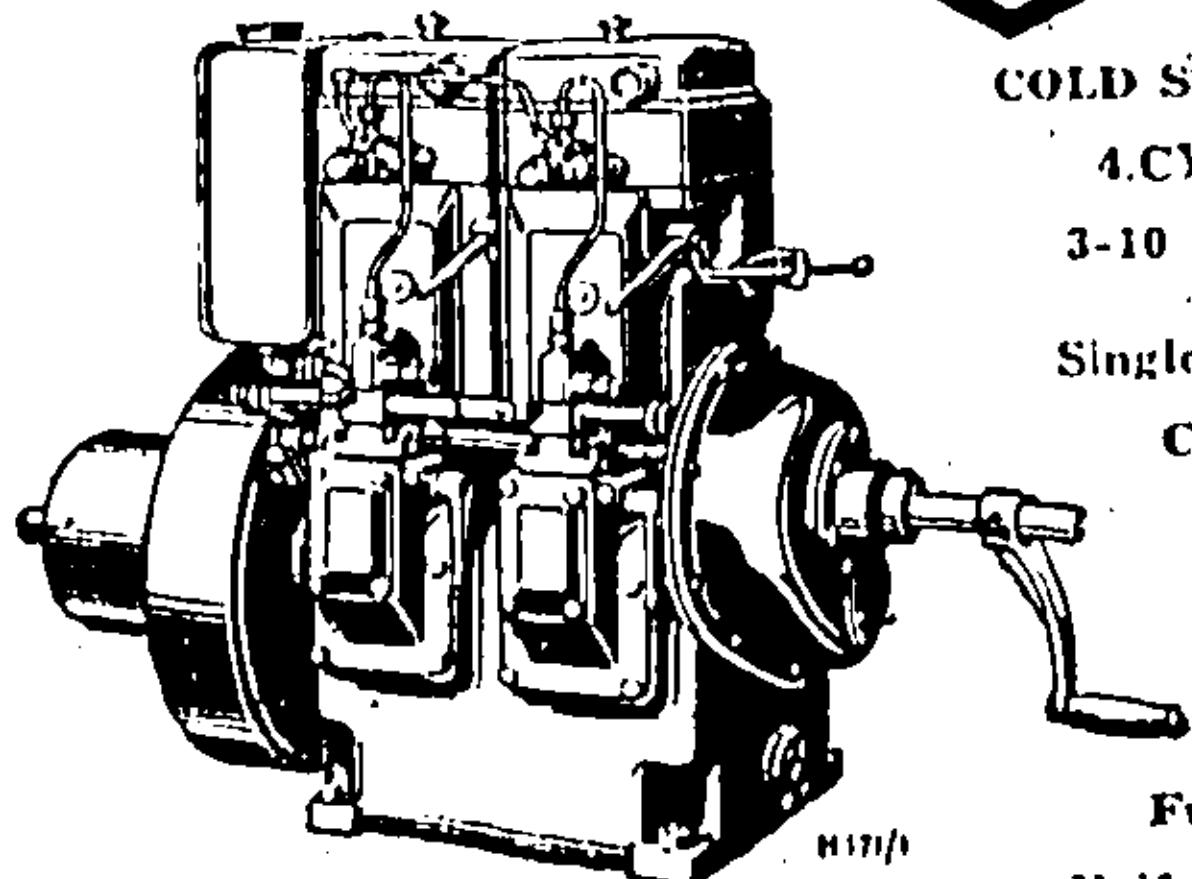
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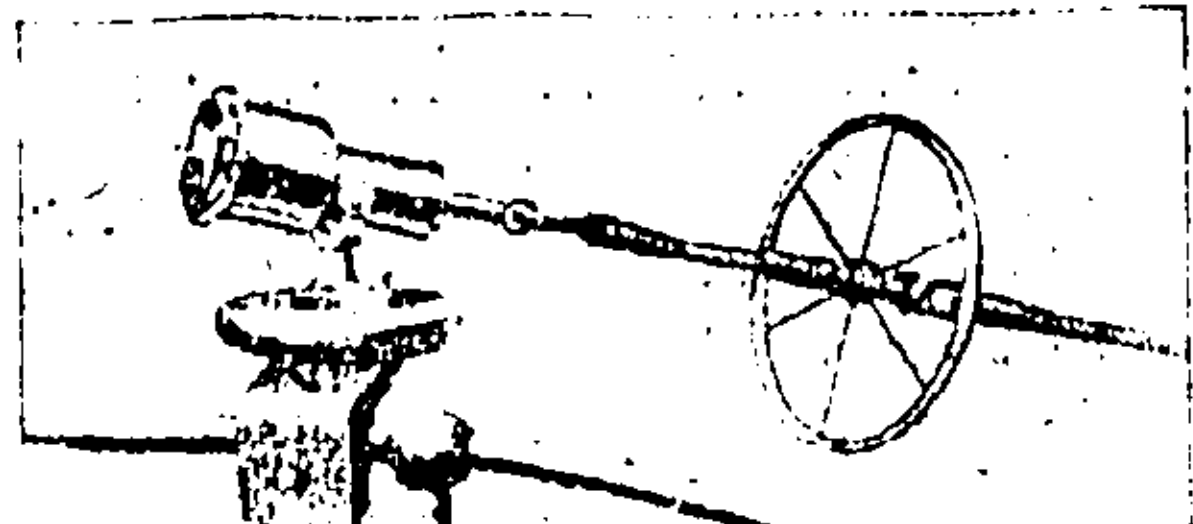
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Experiments To Prevent Metal Rust

British Scientists have just announced important developments in these experiments on prevention of rust in metals. Discovery has been made at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

During the war solution of sodium benzoate was used for ensuring that water in car radiators did not freeze in cold weather. It was also found that when added in small proportions to glycerine the mixture so obtained prevented corrosion of metal parts in engine cooling system.

It was then applied as an experiment to wrapping materials. Steel specimens so enveloped remained uncorroded even when wrapping was soaked with moisture.

Chief of the chemical research laboratory had described the most recent and promising development in this experiment. Sodium benzoate has been added to rubber latex and resulting solution used as for spraying bulky metal articles. These tests proved very satisfactory in giving complete protection from corrosion. Another advantage was that spray formed a coating which could easily be stripped off when no longer required.

This new liquid preservative will be invaluable for protecting metal surfaces of machines against rust during transport or when in storage.

Locomotive For Work Underground

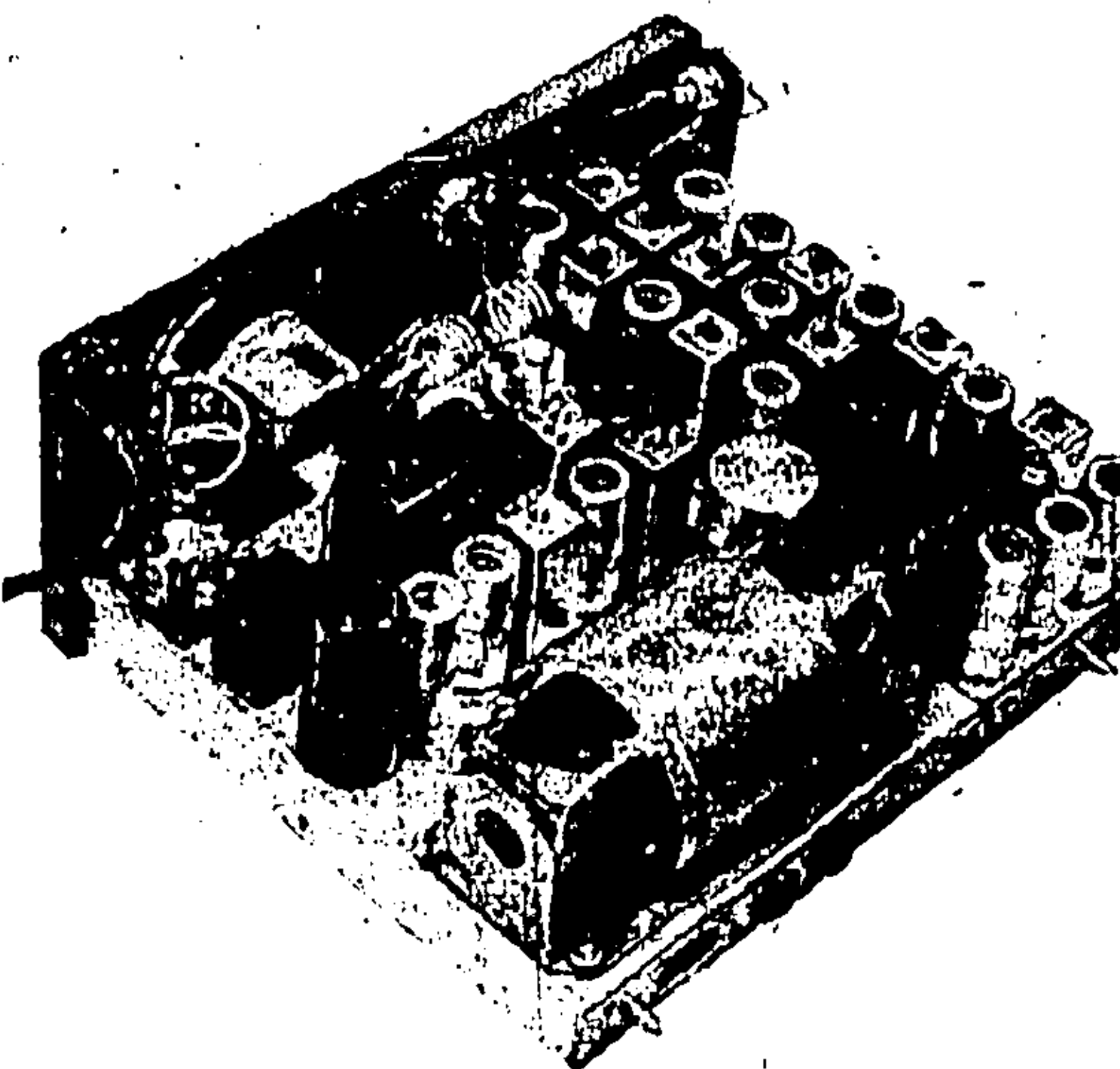
A Glasgow locomotive firm which has been building railway engines for more than 100 years and is still building engines of all sizes, has just put into large scale production a 100 horsepower diesel locomotive for underground work smaller for type and power than any yet made anywhere in the world.

The management of the North British Locomotive Company announced recently that the first of the new locomotives has been shipped to Canada and that orders have already been placed by British Dominions and many other countries.

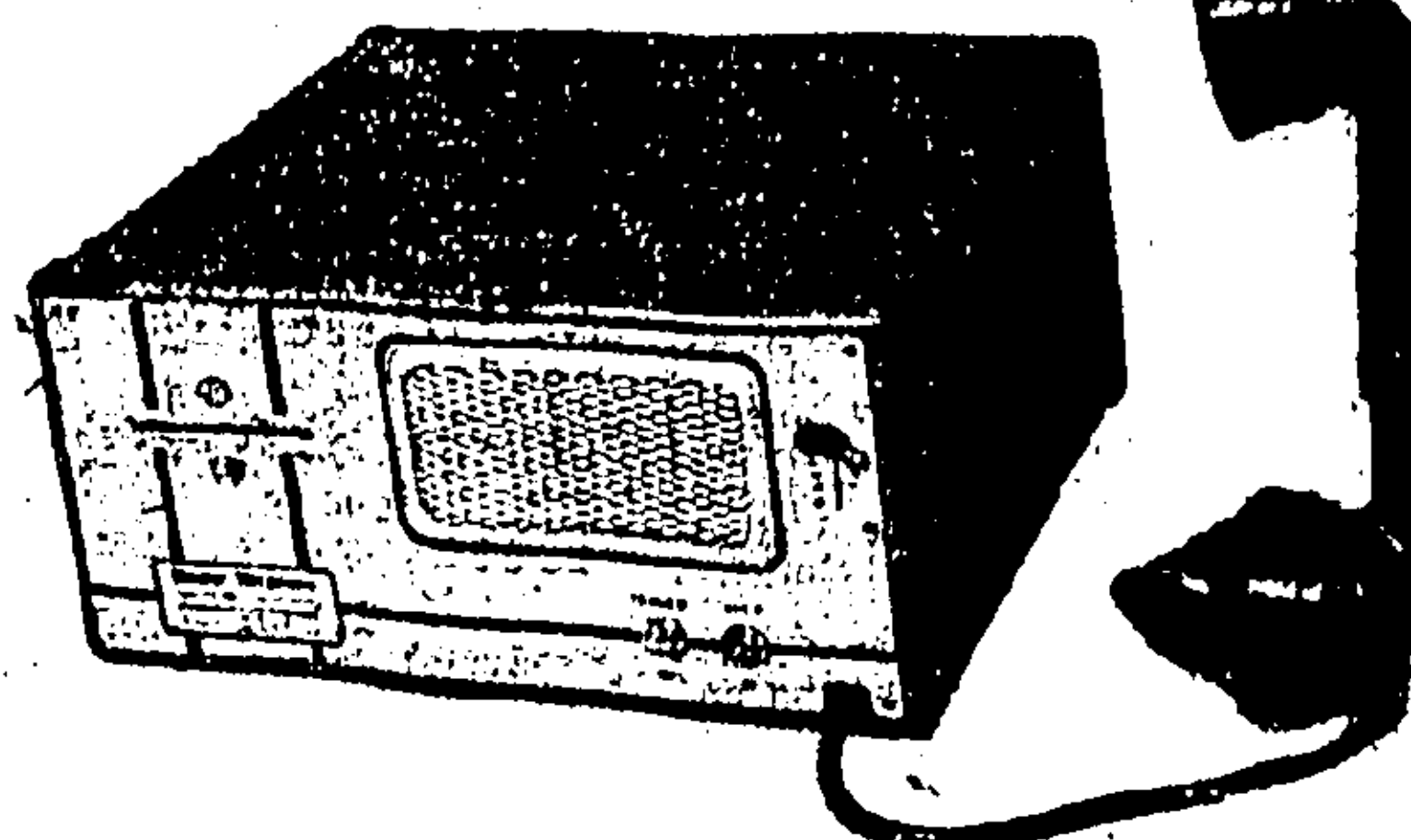
The underground engine is four feet five inches high, four feet wide and 15 feet long. Running costs are low yet the engine will pull loads of between 400 and 500 tons on level at speeds of between three and 15 miles an hour.

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High Performance Of Pye Radio-Telephone Unit



The Pye Three-Watt Radio-Telephone transmitter-receiver as it looks inside.



The transmitter-receiver, all neatly boxed up.

The Pye Universal 3-watt radio-telephone has been designed to meet the need for a compact single unit radio-telephone of high performance. Its small size, weight and battery consumption make it eminently suitable for installation in all types of vehicle.

When used at fixed stations, a mains operated fixed station model is available. The mains power unit has similar overall dimensions to the rotary generator and can be interchanged with it by removing and remaking several soldered connections.

In addition, the mobile version can be supplied with a rear-mounted plug and socket enabling it to be changed instantly to mains or mobile working. This facility requires a separate mains power unit measuring 4" x 7 1/2" x 6".

The set is especially suitable for transportable use and field applications, e.g. control of crowds by police forces. A six or 12 volt battery is required for such purposes, the capacity of which may be chosen beforehand for the anticipated period of operation.

Its robust construction and higher power make it more suitable than walkie-talkies for many field applications.

Improved Version

The receiver is an improved version of that used in the Pye 10-watt mobile. The transmitter has an output of over 3 watts. Modulation capability is not less than 90%. The range of the transmitter over average terrain is better than 80% of that obtained with 10-watt transmitters.

Despite the small size, a generous amount of space has been left to ensure good ventilation. The set, which dissipates only 80/90 watts, runs very cool and is particularly suitable for operation in tropical climates. The set and all components are fully tropicalised.

The transmitter, receiver and generator are mounted on a single chassis. The overall size is 11 1/2" x 9 3/4" x 5 1/4", weighs 10 1/2 lbs. (mobile) and 10 lbs. (mains). The frequency range is 27 to 132 Mc/s. The power supply is six or 12 volt working positive or negative earth, 110 to 250 volts AC, 40/60 cycles.

A battery version, a mains version and a mains/battery version can be made available. The mains/battery version has an additional mains power pack measuring 4" x 7 1/2" x 6". A 24 volt model for aircraft working can be supplied on a special version.

Steel Still Dominates British Heavy Industry

Steel dominates the heavy industrial landscape in Britain still.

New melting-shops in Scunthorpe and new blast-furnaces in Scotland add to the output, and in general the post-war volume of re-equipment exceeds the pre-war rate by over five per cent. a year, and exceeds the theoretical "replacement need" by about 20 per cent.

Even the great development plan is exceeding expectations. Worked out in 1945 and approved by the Government in 1946, it provided for a capacity of some 16,000,000 tons a year. But it now seems that the new plant will bring capacity up to some 17,500,000 to 18,000,000 tons by early 1950s. There are several related causes. Conversion of a proportion of melting capacity to oil-firing is one. The rise in the capital cost of new plant has the paradoxical effect of making economic the production from older plant. Again, as each part of the plan reaches completion it has proved to be larger than the original design, as continued production at the rate of 15,000,000 tons a year clearly shows.

But bulk production, however impressive, is only a part of the story. Sheffield's traditional quality and skill are still illustrated by work on the gas turbine engines that power British aircraft and are developing for industrial use. Messrs. Firth-Vickers Limited, for example, have only recently licensed a firm in the United States to make use of their Centri-Die method of centrifugally casting highly alloyed heat-resisting steels.

Similarly, with steel for more common uses, the league and acceptance throughout the country of the Ministry of Works Code of Practice 113 (paralleled by British Standard 449) put the calculation of working stresses for building construction on an entirely new basis by relating them to a guaranteed yield stress.

Consistent Quality

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The quantity of steel available for direct export is still small. One of the reasons for this is the considerable amount which goes into export products containing a high proportion of steel. The amount thus indirectly exported has been estimated at nearly 2,000,000 tons a year—more than double the 1938 figure.

The expansion of the steel industry has, of course, provided a stimulus to the industries providing its equipment, and this is to some extent reflected at the British Industries Fair. Messrs. Marshall Richards Machine Company, Limited, for example, are exhibiting their accumulation-type multi-angle wire-drawing machine, a fine example of a high-production machine tool on which D.C. electrical gear gives an unusual degree of control over pulling-in and other difficult operations.

In the allied field of engineering the Fair gives manufacturers an opportunity of demonstrating newly developed techniques, and an example of this is the display of the British Thermit welding method, much used for the production on site of long welded rails or of cropped lengths of steel—an application which has resulted in considerable economies in some instances.

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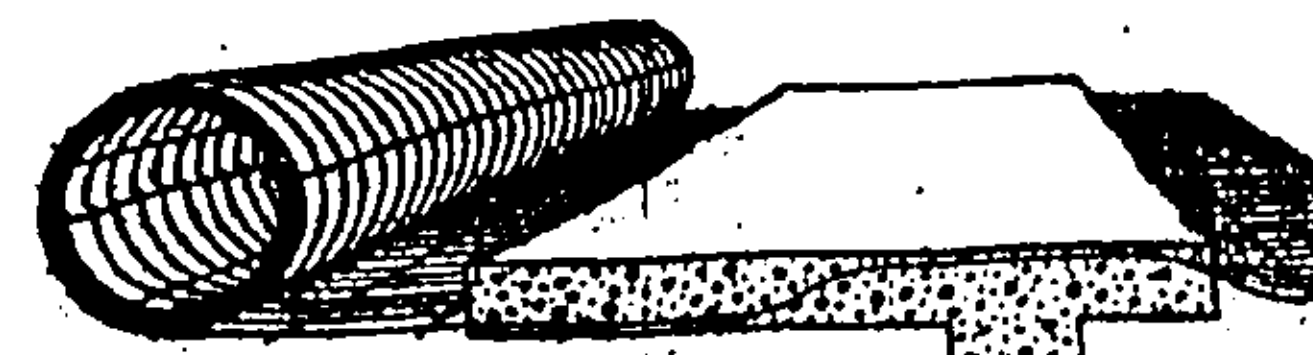
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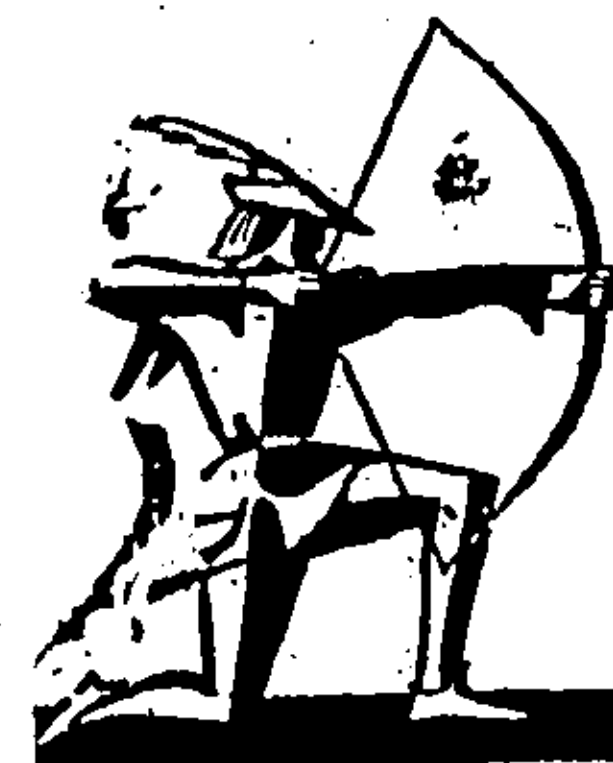
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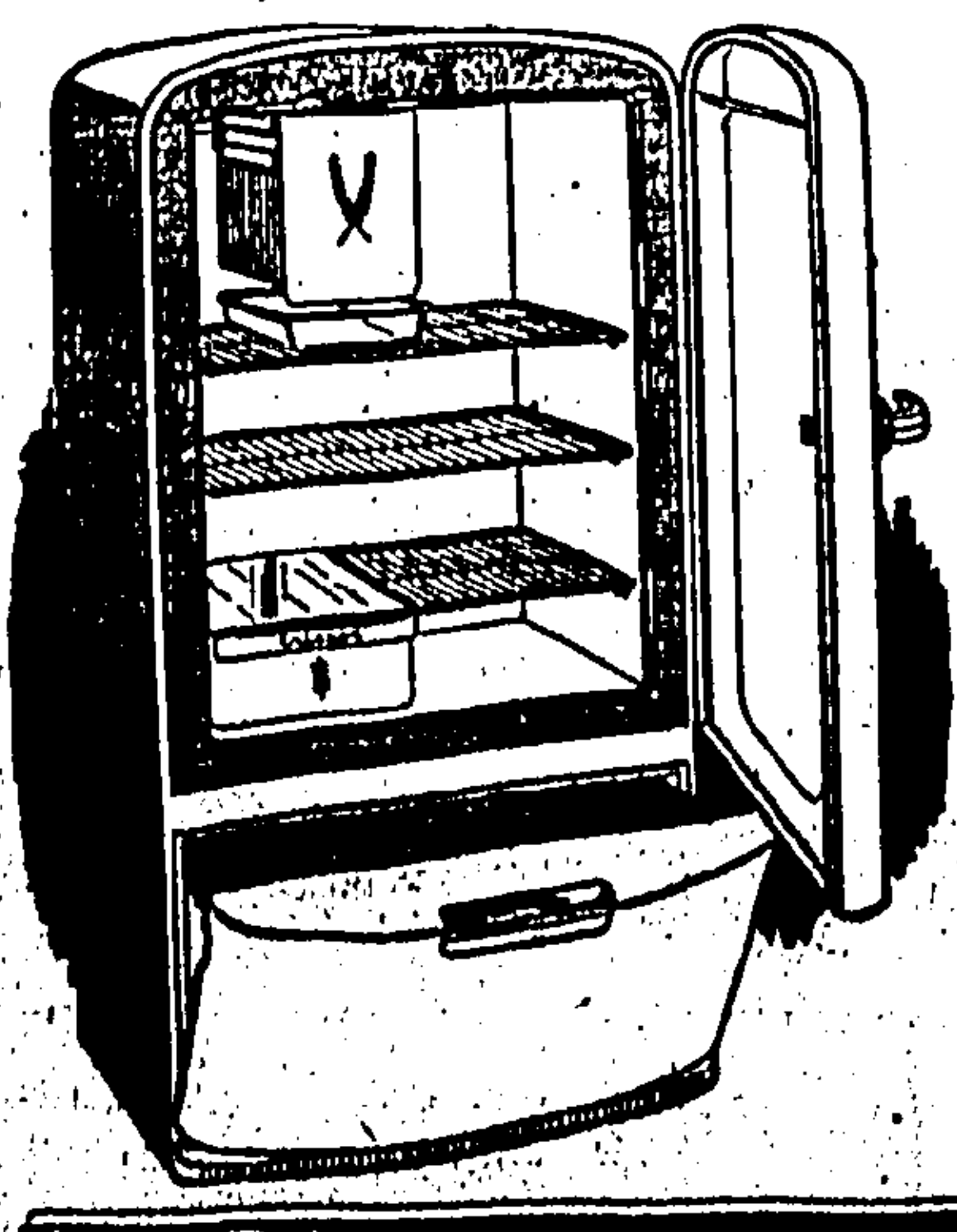
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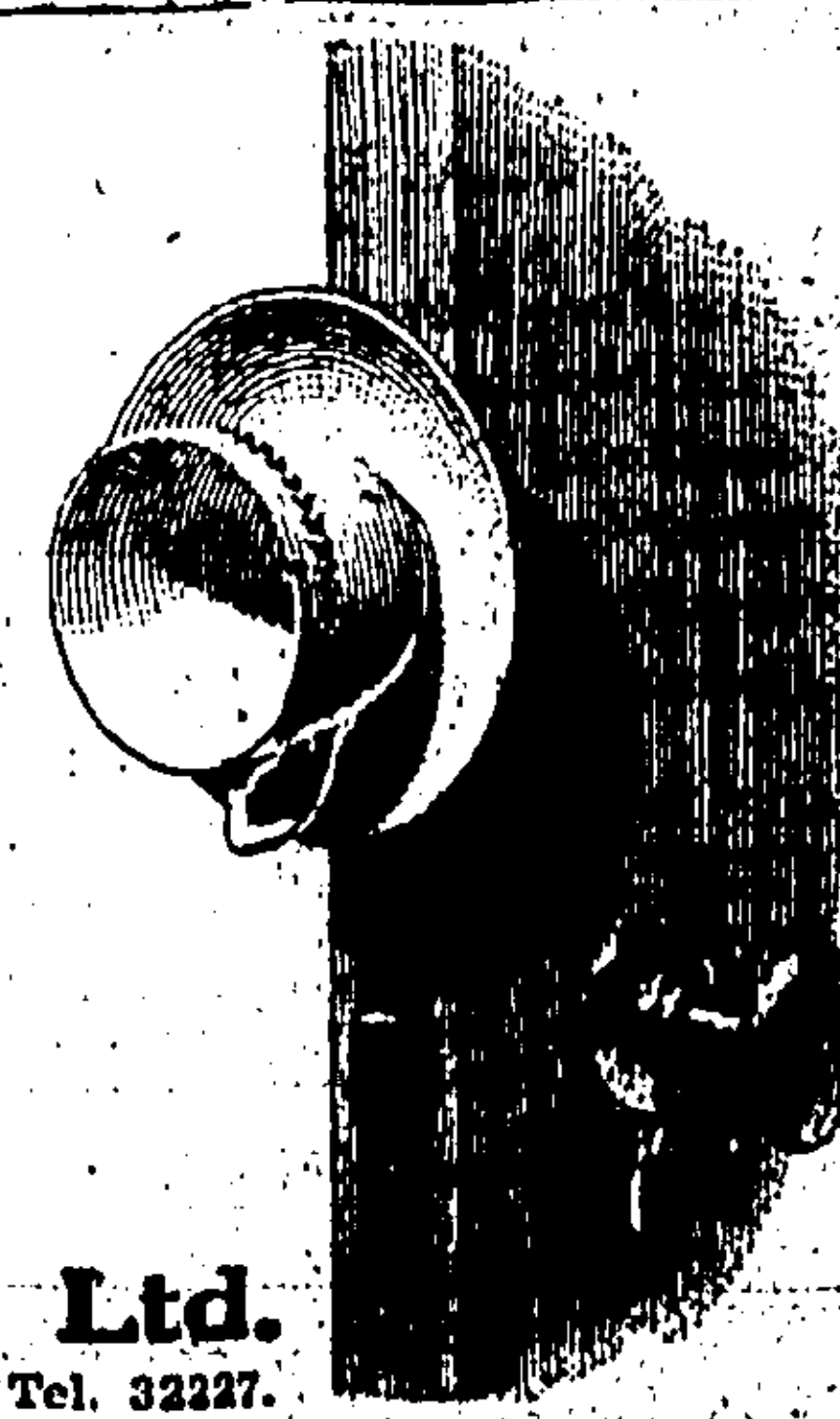
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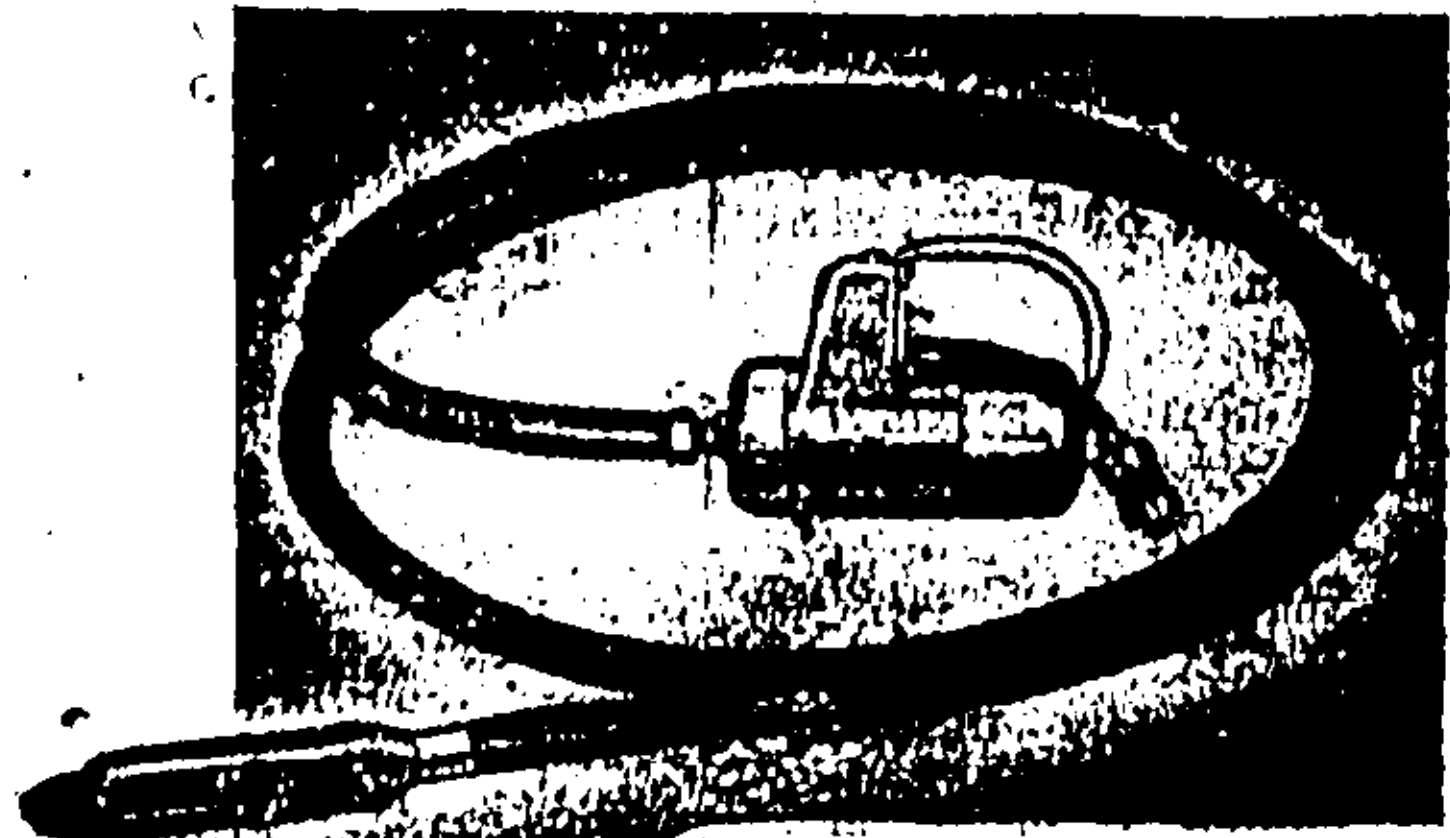
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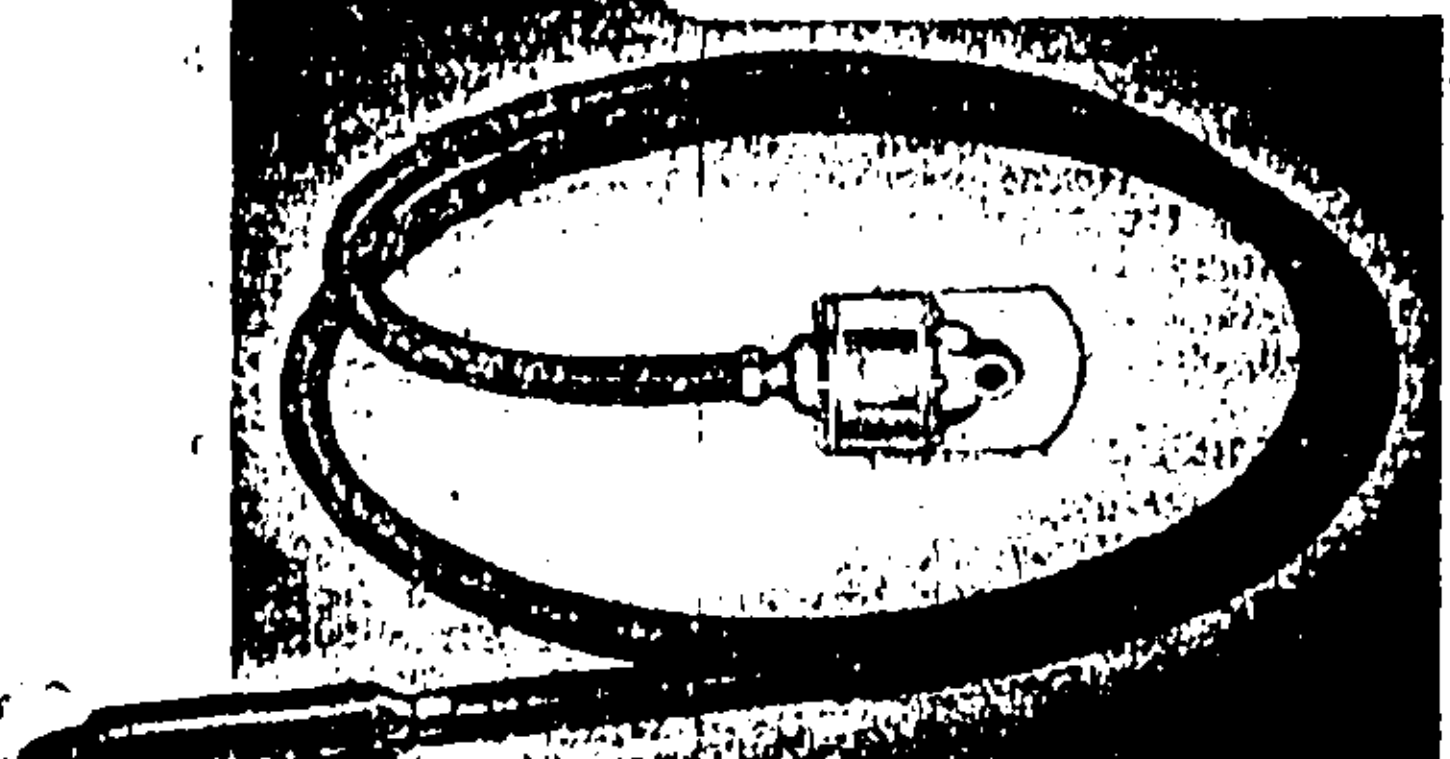


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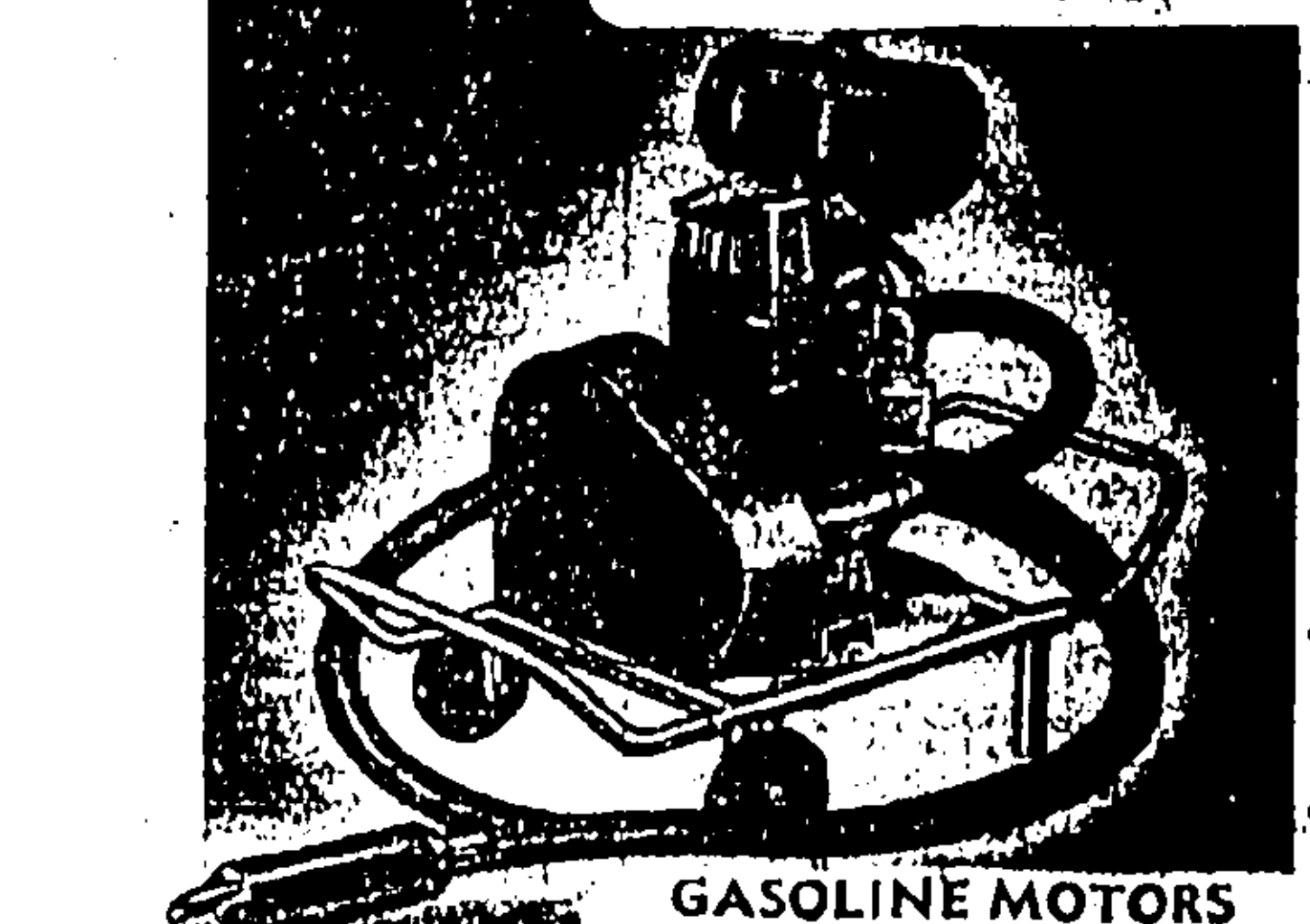
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MORE GERMANS FOUND GUILTY

Nuremberg, April 12.

The American War Crimes Court, passing judgment on 21 of Hitler's top diplomats and officials, today found two of them guilty of abetting Nazi atrocities in which 6,000,000 European Jews died.

The two, Gustav Steengracht Van Mytland, former "bright young man" of the German Foreign Office, and Gottlob Berger, chief of S.S. headquarters, were among seven of the Nazi convicted today of crimes against humanity.

The Tribunal, in the second day of the reading of its 832-page judgment for the thirteenth and last of the Nuremberg trials, drew attention to the "inhuman activities" of the Dirlewanger extermination brigade, which Berger had admitted regarding as "my special unit."

The exterminators were said to have made a practice of locking the inhabitants of captured villages in barns, firing the buildings and then shooting down the "living torches" when they tried to escape.

The Tribunal found Berger guilty of "callous and brutal policy" but announced that it would take into consideration his work during the closing phases of the war in saving British and American officers from "virtually certain death."

The Tribunal acquitted its first defendant, Otto Von Erdmannsdorff, former deputy chief of the Political Division of the German Foreign Office.

The Tribunal held that the 61-year-old man in his position under Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop was "little more than a chief clerk."

Bohle Acquired

The Tribunal also acquitted 48-year-old English-born Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, head of the Nazi Party's foreign organization, on charges of crimes against humanity. He is still charged under two counts remaining in his seven-charge indictment.

The Tribunal found that Bohle, while committing anti-Jewish acts reprehensible from a moral point of view, could not be found guilty within the scope of the charges.

The Tribunal convicted the following of crimes against humanity: Wilhelm Kepler, Hitler's special economic adviser, found guilty yesterday of planning an aggressive war.

Richard Darné, former German Food and Agriculture Minister.

Hans Nohl, chief of the Arma-

ment and War Production Ministry's Planning Office and a director of the Nazi organization for settling Germans in occupied lands.

Otto Dietrich, former Nazi press chief and State Secretary for propaganda.

The judgment blamed Dietrich for a "well-thought out, repeated, persistent campaign to arouse the hatred of the German people against the Jews."

Hans Lammers, former chief of the Reich Chancellery, was also convicted of crimes against humanity. The Court yesterday held him guilty of planning an aggressive war.

The Tribunal exonerated Otto Meisner, former chief of the German Presidential Chancellery, who was indicted for crimes against humanity only.

The Court today disclosed a "Machiavellian" Nazi plot to use a British offer of asylum for 5,000 Rumanian Jewish children as anti-Semitic propaganda.

But the German Foreign Office was too late in deciding to accept the offer.

Blackmail Attempt

The German plot followed a British note in May, 1943, expressing the hope that Germany would agree to allow 5,000 Jews from the Eastern occupied countries to emigrate to Palestine.

The Court said that the Nazis hoped to feign their guilt for anti-Jewish murders on the British Government by laying down conditions for the transfer which London could not accept.

In a prolonged series of inter-office notes to keep the reply from appearing as a brutal attempt to blackmail Britain, the Germans first decided to barter 5,000 Rumanian Jewish children against British interned Germans at the ratio of one Jew to four Germans.

Viscount Lillenthal indicated that this was unacceptable to the German Foreign Office considered exchanging the Jewish children for "such non-Germans in whom we are interested, such as Irish nationalists, Indians, Arabs, Egyptians and others arrested in the British sphere of influence."

Finally, the Nazis agreed to the redemption of 5,000 Jewish children to England "to promote anti-Semitism" but it was too late.—Reuter.

U.S. MAKING "BETTER BOMBS"

Washington, April 13.

The United States is making better atomic bombs faster than ever before. This was disclosed with the publication of testimony by the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, David Lilienthal, before the House Appropriations sub-Committee.

Mr. Lilienthal also told the sub-Committee it has been pretty generally recognized that the United States monopoly on the bomb is not a permanent one, but he declined to answer a direct question regarding how much Russia knows about making the atomic bomb.

Mr. Lilienthal said prospects are very bright for using atomic energy to run a ship. While he gave no details on how far projects have progressed, Mr. Lilienthal said in discussing atomic bombs, that important advances were made in 1948.—United Press.



Jewish mothers and their children are tended by a nurse trained by the Women's International Zionist Organisation as they flow from Aden in the "air-lift" operation sponsored by the American Joint Distribution Committee, a Jewish Organisation that is supported by American Jewry's United Jewish appeal. The Alaska Airlines is carrying out the operation of flying Jewish refugees from the Yemen and Aden to a new life in Israel. The Jews from Aden have been living in the crowded Ghettos in the Great Quarter, locked every night and guarded by Aden police since the pogrom of December 1947, when over 100 of them were murdered. (AP Photo).

Reds Suspicious Of Expedition To Mount Ararat

Moscow, April 12.

The proposed American and British expeditions "to find Noah's Ark" on Mount Ararat are "eye-wash," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," said today.

"One glance at the map," "Pravda" declared, "will show the real purpose of the alleged expedition. (Mount Ararat is on the Turkish-Soviet border). One more group of experienced agents is being sent to the North Eastern border district of Turkey."

(It was reported from The Hague last week that an American expedition is going to Mount Ararat in June to look for Noah's Ark. It will be joined by a British expedition).

In London Mr. Egerton Sykes, a retired civil servant aged 54, who is heading the British expedition, denied the Soviet allegations that he is a political agent, who is being sent there to spy on Russia.

Mr. Sykes, who is head of the Atlantic Research Centre, said: "As far as the Soviet is concerned our intentions are completely innocent. We are not interested in the Russians any more than they are interested in the Ark." In Greensboro, North Carolina, Dr. A. J. Smith, Dean of the Bible School, said that a US\$50,000 search for the Ark will start soon.

Dr. Smith said he will lead a 12-man expedition to the supposed resting place of the Ark within four months.

Much Secrecy
Painstaking preparations for the exploration have already begun, said Dr. Smith. Exact sailing date of the party remains indefinite. "But it will be about June 1," said Dr. Smith.

Secrecy shrouds the source of financial backing for the Ark-hunting expedition. Dr. Smith said US\$15,000 in contributions of cash and equipment has been collected but the main share of the funds will come from a yet unnamed source. He said he first thought it would take US\$200,000 to finance the exploring party, then later cut estimated expenses to US\$50,000.

Dr. Smith's Oriental Archaeo-

logical Research Expedition, Inc., was chartered by the North Carolina Secretary of State on February 2.

Unbelievers

The Greensboro Bible School Dean said he wants to turn up undisputed proof that the Ark really exists in an ancient mantle of ice and snow on Ararat.

"The world is full of unbelievers," he added. "For decades agnostic science has scoffed at the idea that there was ever a universal catastrophe by flood waters. If the fact of the huge can be successfully verified by the actual discovery of the Ark, it will be one more blow to the contemptuous mockings of a frowning, unbelieving world."

Dr. Smith says his searching party will be accompanied by a British expedition headed by Dr. Egerton Sykes, of London.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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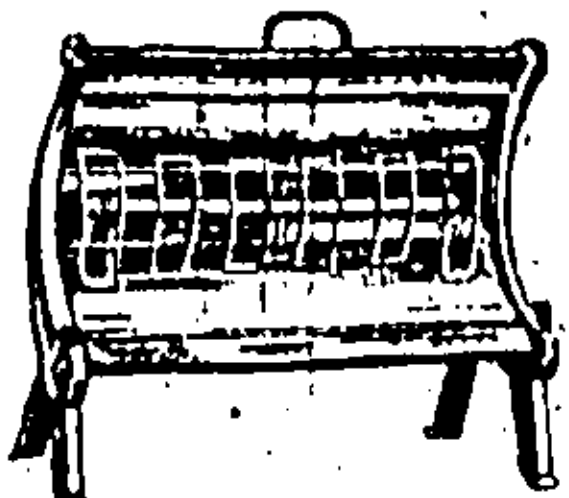
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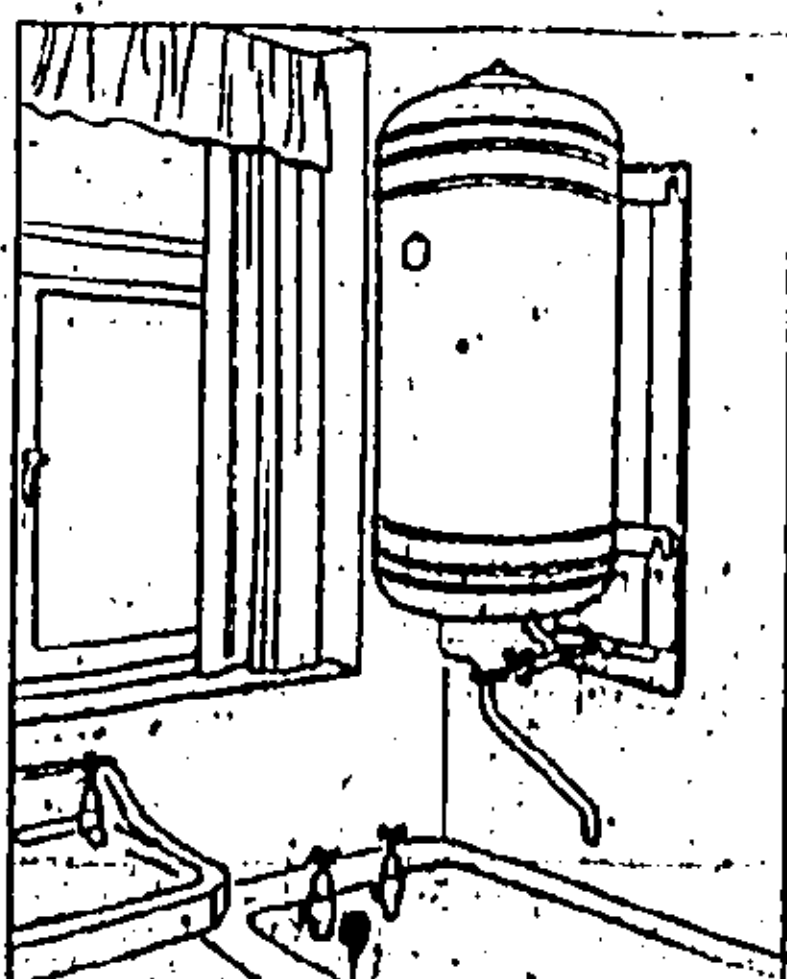
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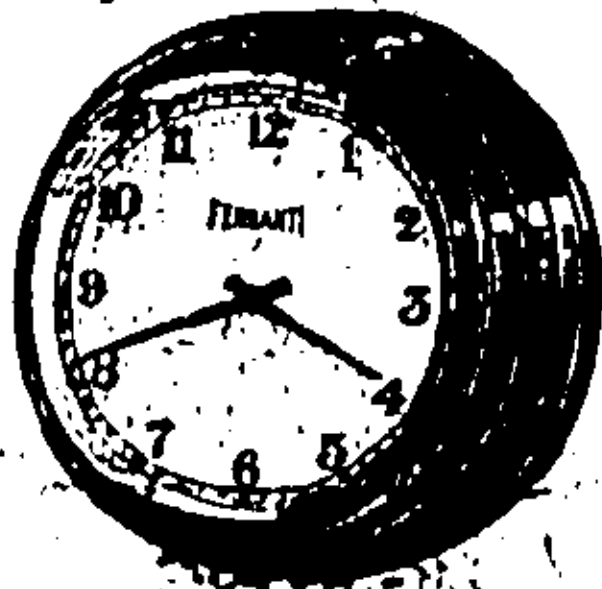
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INDIA TOLD TO APPROACH U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE

Washington, April 12.

Senator Robert H. Humphrey (Democrat, Minnesota) suggested in an interview today that the Indian Government should directly approach the United States for economic assistance. "I believe India has an excellent case for American aid and I feel certain our Government would give it a sympathetic hearing," Mr. Humphrey told Reuters.

The Senator last week made an eloquent appeal for greater attention by American leaders to India's needs, pointing out that America's own interests would be served by helping India to maintain stability in Asia. Mr. Humphrey declared: "In every way India belongs in the family of free nations. Her needs are no secret. They are all too evident. No one will be free and prosperous in this turbulent, dependent world until all are prosperous."

Mr. Humphrey believes the United States can help India by an Export-Import Bank loan but said he would go farther than that and suggested that some way could perhaps be found to include India in the coming year's Economic Co-Operation Administration plans. He would not approve reducing funds available under the next instalment of Marshall Aid below the legitimate needs of European recipients, he added.

"Good Friends"

He pointed out that even protagonists of Marshall Aid had conceded in the Senate that the \$5,580 million authorized would perhaps prove to be more than is actually needed when the appropriation finally comes to be made.

Mr. Humphrey believes this will be shown to be true and thinks the difference in the sum actually needed for Europe and the amount authorized can be devoted to India. The Senator is planning conversations with Indian officials here and with others interested in the country to see what steps he can take to correct the tendency to "overlook our good friends in Asia." He pointed out that he could act either in the Senate Appropriation Committee or on the Senate floor to amend the ECA Bill. "What we will do depends on the circumstances of the time and the advice he receives from the many people genuinely interested in India's welfare," he added.

CHINESE IN SOVIET RUSSIA

London, April 12. A 37-member Chinese delegation has arrived in Moscow on its way to the World Congress of the Partisans of Peace, opening in Paris on April 20. Moscow Radio announced today. The "democratic representatives of Chinese culture and science" were welcomed at the railway station last night by M. Constantin Simonov, a leading Russian playwright. Professor Alexander Denisov, President of the All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with foreign countries, and others, the Radio said. The Chinese met other representatives of Russian science and culture. Later a concert was held in their honour.—Reuters.

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Battle of The Ships Is Won

Canberra, April 12. Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said today that the "Battle of the Ships"—the first great problem of Australia's migration programme—has been won. He added: "The indications are that we will welcome about 140,000 migrants to Australia this year. Our migration prospects are better than ever."

Fifty-nine ships, large and small, are on the Britain-Australia run and 19 IRO ships are bringing displaced persons from Europe. "Additional ships will join the migration fleet during the course of the year," Mr. Chifley added.—Reuters.

Main Air Routes To Be Canalised

London, April 12.

A blueprint for canalising the main world air routes so that aircraft follow lanes like shipping, has been evolved for the first time in history by experts of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Air Commodore W. E. G. Mann, leader of the British delegation, announced this here today at the closing session of the final meeting of a series of 10 regional air navigation meetings held by the organisation. Representatives of 13 countries have for three weeks discussed at this final meeting world air problems and surveyed the facilities and service required for safe and economical air transport with special reference to the African-Indian routes.

Air Commodore Mann said that there are no plans at present for a trans-Indian Ocean route. The only possible one is the Royal Dutch Air Lines scheduled between Batavia and South Africa. "Populations separated by swamps, deserts and great areas with poor transport, can be linked up and efficiently by air," he said. He declared that one of the

main achievements of this series of 10 regional meetings had been its agreement on international procedure on world air routes.

It would now be possible to fly right through the world on one common data of procedure. Meteorological plans are considerable and telecommunication facilities will be highly satisfactory. A special meeting is likely to be held in South Africa in December next on the question of telecommunication facilities, he said.—Reuters.

SKATING RINK IN ABATTOIR

Berlin, April 12. An ice rink will shortly be opened at the central slaughterhouse in the Russian sector of Berlin. Ice-making machines, used in the preservation of meat, will freeze the rink.—Reuters.

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MAID NOW COLONEL
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HER IF SHE COULD
POACH ME
AN EGG

SHE TOOK THE
CAR OUT—

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BACK A
DOZEN!

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

ON THE JUNGLE ROAD—

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DON'T SAY IT! —UHP—

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By ALEX RAYMOND

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HOUSE APPROVAL OF RECOVERY SPENDING

Washington, April 13.

By a vote of 354 to 48, the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved a US\$5,380,000,000 bill to continue the Marshall Plan of European recovery for another 15 months.

The vote came after 13 hours of debate. It took the Senate 13 days to approve a similar measure setting a US\$5,580,000,000 limit on the spending. The Senate vote was 70 to 7.

The Democratic-controlled House, with some Republican support, beat down every attempt to strike millions of dollars from the bill or write in other major changes. The House measure will authorize continued U.S. aid until July 1, 1950, subject to possible

later cuts by the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

It also provides US\$275,000,000 to encourage American private business to invest in recovery projects abroad. Such investments would be guaranteed against loss in case of confiscation of property overseas.

Differences between the Senate and House versions—a matter of US\$200,000,000 plus some minor amendments—now will go to a joint conference of the two chambers.

Time For Action

As the next step, the Appropriations Committee will recommend the actual money bill for approval by both houses.

The Southern Democratic Representative, Fritz Preston, who had proposed a 10 per cent cut, said the United States is faced with a deficit while Britain will end the year with a Treasury surplus.

The Democratic Representative, Mike Mansfield, said: "Now is the time to hit hard for European recovery."

The Marshall Plan countries are getting back on their feet, but if help is reduced they could fall flat, he said.

The Democratic leader, John McCormack, raised the spectre of a third world war and said reduction of foreign aid now would be a mistake, a mistake on which the Kremlin would capitalise.

Two Roads

"The question is," said Mr. McCormack, "are we going to take a road now that will be a contributing factor to World War III or are we, on the basis of two terrible experiences, going to take a road that might avert World War III?"

"Our way of life is challenged. The world looks either to Washington or the Kremlin,

Sequel To Scene In Parliament

London, April 12.

The House of Commons will tomorrow debate the conduct of the Deputy Speaker, Major James Milner, in last Tuesday's stormy debate on the meat situation. It will do so on a motion by Mr. Quinton Hogg, Conservative, arising from an angry scene then which prevented the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, finishing his speech.

Mr. Hogg accused Major Milner, elected as a Labour Member of partiality in not directing Mr. John Paton, also a Labour Member, to withdraw the words "lying accusation" which he used after an Opposition Member had alleged that Mr. Strachey was a former Fascist.

Mr. Strachey denied the allegation, which was withdrawn. When the matter was discussed last Thursday, Mr. Paton offered to withdraw the expression but Mr. Hogg said today that he is not prepared to withdraw his motion.—Reuters.

SPY SUSPECT GRANTED BAIL

Montreal, April 12. Fred Linton, aged 33, alleged Soviet spy conspirator, was freed on \$5,000 bail today and a preliminary hearing ordered for April 10. He was arrested on a charge of violating the Official Secret Act.—United Press.

to Washington with hope, to Moscow with despair. "If we do nothing, countries outside Communism will be taken over one by one. We are not doing anything from a charitable angle, but in the best interests of the United States." Associated Press and United Press.

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"SHENKING"	Swatow	4 p.m. 20th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Yokohama & Kobe	30th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	8th May.

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"SHENKING"	Tientsin	18th Apr.
"FOYANG"	Hongkong	26th Apr.

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TROOPS MAY UNLOAD CARGOES IN LONDON

London, April 12.

Troops may be called out to unload 50 ships in the Port of London, idle through a strike which today involved more than 13,000 dockers. Urgent moves to safeguard the nation's food supplies are expected to follow a Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Frontier War Talk Discounted

Karachi, April 13.
A source close to the Pakistan Government tonight dismissed as baseless rumours all talk of a war between Pakistan and Afghanistan because of the tension along the North West Frontier.

This source said: "None but perverse minds in either country could think of settling problems in terms of war. The two countries have to live together as good neighbours and a solution of all their problems lies in friendly discussion." "The Pathan tribesmen in the North West Frontier Province have been fired by anti-Pakistan propaganda from Kabul Radio and by a belief that Afghanistan seeks to establish a Communist State in the independent tribal areas. An observer just returned from the Dejrat tribal region said gifts of Russian medicines sent to the tribesmen through Afghanistan have been refused by them, because strongly Muslim leaders suspected they contained pig fats."—Reuter.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 21, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before April 28, 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

Official efforts are expected to avoid the delay in handling food supplies which occurred in last year's London dock strike. Then, there was initial hesitation before troops were drafted for unloading essential supplies.

An early statement in Parliament is likely on the strike, which began yesterday when 7,000 men stopped work in protest against the dismissal of 33 men, mostly stated to be too old for the work or in falling health.

The National Dock Labour Stevedores and Dockers' Union, which called the strike, has demanded a pension scheme as a counter to the employers' proposal to dismiss 8,000 dockers over 65 years of age. The important Transport and General Workers Union, with an estimated 20,000 dockers, has urged its men to stay at work but by tonight 9,000 of them had stopped in sympathy with the men of the other union.

Won't Spread

The National Dock Labour said tonight that there is no indication that the strike will spread to other British ports. Fourteen of the 50 ships held up are carrying foodstuffs and waiting to load vital export goods.

Four strikers' representatives left London this afternoon for the Northern ports of Hull and Liverpool, in the hope of gaining the support of the dockers there for the London strike.

The 1,800-ton British vessel Sheldrake, which came from Palermo, Sicily, with nuts, oranges, lemons and eggs, was to sail for Hull tonight. She was today berthed at a London wharf, where men had struck work. Her 2,000-ton cargo is partly unloaded.

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Alpine Ski Race Tragedy

Zermatt, April 12.

Swiss and Italian rescuers, winding perilously over 10,000-foot high Alpine glaciers near here, reported by radio tonight that they are abandoning hope of finding a three-man Swiss Army patrol which vanished on Sunday.

The patrol disappeared during the most dangerous ski race in the world—a voluntary Army training race of 50 miles across one of the greatest Swiss glacier regions, with nearly 30,000 feet of descents and 14,000 feet of climbing.

The lost men, led by the son of the famous mountain guide Maurice Cretex, were last seen near the summit of the 12,000-foot Tete Blanche, on the line of peaks between Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn.

Swiss Army reconnaissance planes, skirting the mountain sides, have searched in vain for signs of the missing team.

Today, despite constant snowstorms, over 60 men and an Italian patrol criss-crossed likely glaciers in their search.

Swiss Army Headquarters stated tonight that the search will be continued throughout the night if conditions permit, although there is little hope of the men having survived the cold for more than 48 hours.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CLAIMS SUPER-NYLON

Radio Moscow said today that a young Russian scientist has discovered a new material better than nylon. Professor Vasil Korshak received a First Class Stalin Prize for his work on artificial fibres, it said.

Korshak developed a number of utterly new and very durable materials and had proved that polymides, the basis of nylon, are uniform and not of various sizes as Western scientists have said, the radio claimed.—United Press.

BOAC CLOSES BIG DEAL

Stockholm, April 13.
The British Overseas Airways Corporation has bought four new Boeing stratojets from the Scandinavian Airlines for the equivalent of 40 million crowns (about £2,700,000), it was announced here tonight.

The Scandinavian Airlines had not yet taken delivery of the craft from the manufacturers.—Reuter.

Murder Trial In Athens

Athens, April 12.

A Greek journalist, Georgios Stachtopoulos, and two other Greeks today went on trial charged with the premeditated murder of the late Mr. George Polk, reporter for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Mr. Polk's body, bound and blindfolded, was washed ashore at Solonika on May 16 last year, a week after he had left his hotel to try and contact the Greek guerrillas. He had been shot through the back of the head.

M. Stachtopoulos' mother, Anna, was also in the dock today, charged with being an accomplice. The two other accused, Evangelos Vasvahas and Adam Mouzenides, are being tried in their absence.

The court rejected a defence request for an adjournment on the grounds of the absence of material witnesses, including Mr. Polk's wife, Rhea, and her mother.

The indictment is 40-pages long. General William Donovan, Chairman of the American Committee on United Europe, who went to Greece last year to investigate the murder, attended the trial.—Reuter.

London, April 12.

An attempt to establish an international record by a helicopter over a 100-kilometre triangular course, starting from Maidenhead, near London, will be made on Tuesday by the Fairey Aviation Company.—Reuter.

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"CANTON"	27th April	3rd June
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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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San Francisco, April 13.

Communist China yesterday took a step toward trade with the outside world by setting up temporary regulations governing foreign exchange.

The announcement was made by the Communist radio at Peking.

There has been some barter since the Reds seized control of North China, but a free flow of goods has been impossible because of the lack of exchange agreements.

There was no hint in the broadcast of possible exchange rates. These rates will be set daily by the People's Bank of China (Communist).

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 13.

The stock market closed yesterday with a thorough mixture of gains and losses, mostly fractional. News of a dividend increase by Standard Oil of New Jersey swung the market out of an early decline.

Transfers totaled 850,000 shares.

Gainers included Glenn Martin, American Woolen, Northern Pacific, Retail Drug, Eversharp, American Broadcasting.

Among losers were Douglas Aircraft, Peapack, Western Union, Commonwealth Edison, Santa Fe, Liggett and Myers Tobacco.

Dow Jones averages—Stocks 64.03, Industrials 178.99, 18 Stocks 64.03, 18 Industrials 178.99, 18 Stocks 64.03, 18 Industrials 178.99.

Closing quotations—Adams Express 19, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 2 1/2, American Smelting 3 1/2, American Tobacco 14 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 4 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2, Barnard 4 1/2, Bendis Aviation 3 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 30 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J.I. Case 8 1/2, Chrysler 11 1/2, Colgate 32 1/2, Commercial Union 11 1/2, Corn Products 2 1/2, D. Light & Power 2 1/2, General Electric 37 1/2, General Motors 60, Goodyear 48 1/2, Homestead Mining 40, International Harvester 24 1/2, International Paper 48 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2, John Manville 3 1/2, Kennecott Copper 45, Montgomery Ward 5 1/2, National Distillers 18 1/2, National Lead 20 1/2, New York Central 11 1/2, Packard Motors 4, Pan-American Airways 10 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 15 1/2, Radio Corp. 12 1/2, Real Silk 12 1/2, Remington 30 1/2, Republic Steel 23 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2, Schenck 20 1/2, Sears Roebuck 38 1/2, Shell Oil 35 1/2, Sweeney Vacuum 10 1/2, Southern Pacific 42 1/2, Standard Brands 18, Standard Oil of Calif. 44, Standard Oil of N.J. 70 1/2, Studebaker 18 1/2, Union Bag 20 1/2, Union Carbide 31 1/2, US Rubber 40, US Steel 73 1/2, US Lines 15 1/2, Westinghouse 23 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 47, General Public Utilities 13 1/2.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "WOSANG"

From Calcutta/Straits/Saigon arrived 10th April

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday 16th April, 1949. Consignees are advised to have their representatives present during the survey.

Consignees are warned that claims for damage or shortage may not be accepted if the damage is not surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of Consignees' Representatives at this appointed time.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on April 14, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th April, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th April, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents, Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

Yuan Attack On Finance Minister

Nanking, April 12.

The Finance Minister, K. Y. Liu, was attacked today in the Legislative Yuan for permitting \$300,000,000 worth of Government funds to be stored in Taiwan and South China when they are badly needed to check the spiralling inflation.

The Legislators also signed a resolution charging the Finance Minister with permitting and encouraging corruption among financial authorities and fostering the growth of new bureaucratic capitalism.—United Press.

Foreign exchange must be deposited with "the Bank of China." It can be used only with the Bank's approval for imports and exports.

Prohibition On Private Deals

As heard by The Associated Press at San Francisco, the broadcast warned that private individuals are prohibited from dealing in, hoarding, or transferring of foreign exchange.

Outsiders visiting Communist territory must convert their currency into the so-called "People's currency" at the quoted rate. Upon leaving they can withdraw the balance of their original currency.

There is no way of estimating the real value of the Communist currency until exchange rates are set. Recent reports from Tientsin said it is losing value in the black market.

The broadcast said the foreign exchange regulations were issued on April 7 by "the North China People's Government."—Associated Press.

ERP Nation's Trade Increase

Washington, April 12.

According to a progress report published today by the Economic Co-Operation Administration, trade between Marshall Plan countries in Europe in the five months up to March 1 last was 10 per cent more than estimated.

The report said that this is an important step toward making the Marshall Plan countries independent of dollar aid. Inter-European trade in the five months totalled \$441,000,000 and was carried out under the intra-European compensation agreement which came into effect last October.

The enforcement makes it possible for debtor nations to receive ECA aid in the currency of their creditors, thus encouraging trade that would otherwise be impossible.—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, April 13.

Ship departure April 11, President McKinley for Manila.

Seattle, Ship departure: Silver Walnut for Calcutta.—Associated Press.

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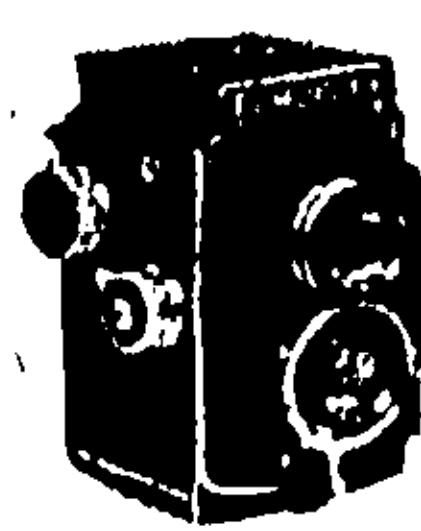


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SOUTH CHINA "A" BEAT KOWLOON BUSMEN 2-0

South China "A" beat Kowloon Motor Bus by two clear goals in a fast and exciting First Division soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday.

HK Collegians Win Again

Manila, April 13. The Hong Kong Collegians maintained their winning streak tonight by defeating the Letran footballers who are the local college champions by a score of 2 to 1.

In a hard fought game the visitors led 2 to 0 at the end of the first half, with the local boys scoring their lone goal towards the end of the game.

The visitors will play the San Beda and inter-collegiate selection on Saturday and Sunday evening, thus completing their series of games with the local college footballers.—Reuter.

Kowloon Docks Club

The Kowloon Docks Club have entered two teams in the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls League which is to start on May 14.

Three of their players, Messrs. H. G. Cooper, A. E. Pearson and J. Lewis who have gone home on leave, will be available for the annual game against Wanstead for the Esplanade Cup.

The Hong Kong F. C. entered two teams last year, one in the first and the other in the second, and entered one team in the second division this season.

Indra HC have entered two teams, the same with Craigie-gower CC. The Hong Kong CC have entered a team in the first division while Talkoo RC and the Hong Kong Electric have each entered one team in the second division.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, April 13. Exhibition baseball: New York (American) 10, Fort Worth (Texas League) 0; Cincinnati (National) 0, Philadelphia (National) 4; Boston (American) 10, Baltimore (International League) 4.—Associated Press.

A record crowd was present to see the match and long before the kick-off thousands of people had to be turned away as the stands were packed to overflowing.

The defeat of Kowloon Motor Bus has made the runners-up position more open and it is probable that the busmen will have to play Chinese Athletic to settle the issue.

Royal Navy beat St. Joseph's by two goals to one in a keenly contested game at Causeway Bay, while Club had a runaway victory over Kwong Wah, whom they beat by six clear goals at Happy Valley.

KMB 0—S. China "A" 2

Kowloon Motor Bus attacked from the start, but their forwards lacked punch in their finishing and South China were able to block all attempts at scoring. South China soon settled down to play fine constructive football, the accurate passes doing much to upset the equilibrium of the KMB defence.

Tam Kwan-kon, the KMB custodian, was given a busy time dealing with shots from all angles and was largely responsible for South China's failure to take an early lead. South China forced several corners and from one of these, the ball went to Fung King-cheung, who immediately trapped it back towards Chu Wing-keung. The latter seized the opportunity with alacrity and before the KMB defence knew what was happening, the ball was in the net. The busmen retaliated strongly after this reverse but their forwards lacked understanding and individual efforts proved of no avail against the steady South China defence.

Just before half time, Li Chun-fat came near with a powerful drive, but the ball struck the crossbar and went out of play.

Second Half

In the second half, KMB attacked incessantly and the ball was, for lengthy periods, confined in the South China end of the field. Time and again the busmen were presented with wonderful opportunities for scoring, but every time their forwards failed. Yu Yiu-tak, the South China goalie, played a magnificent game and on several occasions stood alone between the KMB forwards and goals. One attack on the KMB goal saw a free kick awarded in favour of South China just outside the penalty area.

The kick was taken by Lau Chung-sang, who sent in a terrific shot. The ball struck Chau Man-chi and the latter had to be assisted from the field.

A High Pass

Shortly after this, South China went further ahead when Chu Wing-keung connected a high pass by Lau Chung-sang and placed the ball into the far corner of the net well out of Tam Kwan-kon's reach.

Play again swung in favour of the busmen, but try as they would, they could not score. It was either their own inaccuracy or the brilliant goalkeeping of Yu Yiu-tak which prevented them from scoring.

Both goals had narrow escapes and excitement ran high among spectators, but the final whistle came without any further scoring.

KMB: Tam Kwan-kon, Mak Lam-toot, Tam Chun-fai, Tang Sum, Hung Hing-yuk, Fung Kwan-sing, Lee Tai-fai, Li Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit, Chau Man-chi and Cheuk Shek-kam.

S. China "A": Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Cheung Shu-ling, Tse Kam-ho, Tse Kam-ho, Lau Chung-sang, Fung King-cheung, Cheung Kam-ho, Chu Wing-keung and Ho Yinfun.

Club 6—Kwong Wah 0

Club had matters very much their own way from start to finish. Kwong Wah were never at any time able seriously to challenge the sound Club defence or offer any real opposition to the lively Club forwards.

SAIGON TOUR POSTPONED

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association yesterday, it was decided to postpone the proposed Saigon tour until some time in May.

It had originally been decided to accept the invitation of the Federation Cochino-chinoise de Football to send a strong Combined Chinese XI to Saigon for a series of games during the Easter holidays. The postponement is due to difficulties experienced in arranging for the transport, by air, of the team and officials.

From the kick-off, Club dominated the exchanges and after play had been in progress for about 10 minutes, they drew first blood when Kierman scored with a glorious shot from about 20 yards distance.

Club completely overran the Kwong Wah defence and before half time, further goals were scored by Nelson (1), Beck (1) and Weller (1).

Crossing over four goals in the lead, Club showed no signs of easing up, but continued to keep up a continual bombardment of the Kwong Wah goal.

Tam Woon-cheuk, the Kwong Wah goalkeeper, played a fine game for his side and in spite of the unceasing onslaught, he dealt capably with many difficult shots which came his way. Before the final whistle brought close to a one-sided game, Nelson and Weller each scored one goal to bring the total tally up to six in favour of the Club.

Club: Cutton, Strange, Fowler, Weller, Forrow, Beck, Barclay, Mullen, Nelson, Kierman and Main.

Kwong Wah: Tam Woon-cheuk, Mak Ying-chol, Ng Kow-kwong, Leung Fook-chung, Law Tak-fook, Wong Chi-wan, Ng Tak-pul, Lau Yung-sing, Law Tak-pul, Suen Wai-sin and Kwok Man-tin.

Royal Navy 2—St. Joseph's 1

St. Joseph's, playing with only 10 men, put up a good fight, but their forwards, failed to score more than one goal.

Royal Navy's victory was mainly due to their never-say-die spirit.

The honour of being the best player on the field went to St. Joseph's speedy right wing, Xavier, who constantly harassed the Navy's defence. Hsu Kiang-sing, one-time Chinese Olympic star, playing inside left for the Saints, failed to give an impressive display.

Playing without their left back, the Saints were forced to adopt defensive tactics throughout the 70 minutes.

The score at half time stood at one to zero in favour of the Saints.

At A Fast Pace

Play commenced at a fast pace in the beginning and the Saints kept the ball well under control. Speedy Xavier, who was the best player on the field, assisted by Gomes, stormed into the opponent's area several times but failed to score during the first few minutes of the game.

Seven minutes from the start, Gomes standing inside the Navy goal area, put the leather neatly into the right corner of the net to give his side the lead.

From then on St. Joseph's were always on the defensive. Deland, Rafferty and Simms of Royal Navy were practically inside the St. Joseph's goal area all the time but found the goal too hard to beat.

An all-out attack was launched by Royal Navy during the second half, and Simms netted the first goal for his team to level the score.

The sailors added another goal towards the end of the game when Rafferty put the ball to the left corner of the net just beyond the Leek's reach. Royal Navy's tactics, Convery, Toror, Rowlands, Brown, Hollaway, Moore, Simms, Rafferty, Illgas and Deland. St. Joseph's: Leek, Rocha, Humphreys, Leonard, Castilho, Xavier, Gomes, Hsu Kiang-sing, Pereira and Omar.

TODAY'S SOCCER

Singapore Army XI v Combined Hong Kong Services at Soekunpoo, Kick-off 5.15 p.m.
SECOND DIVISION
Army-KI v KMB (PP from 6.10.48); Chaiham Road, 5.30 p.m.; Referee: F.A. Barretto.
PCA v Police (PP from 12.2.48) postponed.

TOMORROW'S GOLF GAMES

Old Course—Friday, April 13.
9.40 W.C. Tait v J.T. Reid.
9.48 J. Forbes v W.O. Davies.
10.00 L.D. Pringle v E.W. Groves.
London, April 12.
In a Third Division Northern game today Oldham drew with Gateshead, neither side scoring.—Reuter.

Season Ends At KCC

The Kowloon Cricket Club brings its season to an end on Sunday with a match between Under and Over 35s.

The game will start at 2 p.m. and the teams chosen are:
Over 35s: R.E. Lee, W.M. Davidson, T.A. Madar, J. Barrow, E.C. Fincher, N. Hart Baker, S.A. Gray, R. Leigh, S.C. Trueman, J. Tibble, F.E. Lawrence and W.D.M. Webb.

Under 35s: G.E. Taylor, A. Zimmermann, V.C. Bond, W.H. Cowie, E. Randall, D.G. White, H.E. Matthews, E. Guest, A.J. Wood, C.R. Lawrence, J.P. Hewitt and J. Crawford.

Unhappy E. Abraham and J. Farquharson.
After the match a "stag" dinner party will be held in the clubhouse and members wishing to attend are requested to sign their names on the list now open in the bar. A musical programme will round out the function.

SOCIALISTS WIN IN LONDON

Crowds who had queued for hours today saw the Socialists win control of London in the teeth of fierce opposition from the Conservatives in the London County Council election. The Socialists won 44 seats each—between the Conservatives and Labour. Expecting a tense struggle, Londoners and foreign diplomats flocked to the County Hall for the new Council's first meeting. The additional votes of the Labour Aldermen still retaining their seats from the last Council allowed Labour to bring in Mr. J.W. Bowyer, a Labour candidate defeated in the public elections, as Chairman. The voting was 71 votes to 64. The subsequent appointment of 11 Labour members in the election of six Socialists and two Conservatives.—Reuter.

Easter Football At Home—A Treat

(By "ALCYDES")

There will be a feast of football at Home during the Easter period, matches being played on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday. In the majority of cases teams oppose each other alternately on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The results of these matches will be decisive to those teams involved in the various leagues relegation issues.

In Division I Middlesboro have the stiffest task in that they oppose Newcastle twice and will be fortunate in obtaining even a point from these games. Preston and Huddersfield, the other two unfortunate, appear to stand a reasonable chance of breaking even in their respective matches with Stoke and Liverpool.

Portsmouth, the leaders, entertain the Cup Finalists Wolverhampton on Saturday and what a game this should be. Fratton Park has always been a happy hunting ground for Wolves having only dropped four points there since 1934. Yes, undoubtedly this should prove to be the match of the day.

Another match worthy of note in this league is the game at the Valley where Charlton receive the Villa. The latter seem to have produced a happy knack in past two or three seasons by taking full points from them.

In the Second Division Fulham will strive desperately to maintain an interest in the promotion race and their game with the other Cup finalists Leicester City on Saturday should be one of the best games in this section.

Southampton after their loss at Home to West Ham 1-0 will be out to make amends at Bury this week and I think they should come away with the spoils.

Plymouth who have slipped badly in the past few weeks and cannot discount the possibility of relegation are this Saturday away to Leeds United and will I think find the points very hard to come by. An away win is much overdue from Argyle, anyway.

Swansea in Division III (South) this week find themselves with a fairly easy thing in playing Aldershot at Vetch Field and it looks like it is going to be the best Home bet of the day.

Palace and Southend oppose each other this week and, it looks as though it will be a bit of a "dog fight" with the former possibly coming out on top.

Hull City in the Northern League seem to be losing their grip on this section, somewhat

Presents For Tom Grimes

Tom Grimes who is returning to his native Liverpool on retirement, was the recipient of a silver tea service and rose bowl from the members of the Talkoo Club yesterday evening.

Mr. J. Willoy, chairman, who presented the gifts remarked how much Tom's presence would be missed and said that in effect, the backbone of the Bowls Team, billiard table and club will go with him.

It was not only his skill at games which Talkoo would miss but his grand social nature which has endeared him to Talkoo folk present and past.

Mr. Grimes came to Hong Kong in 1922 to supervise the reconstruction of the Talkoo sugar refinery for Francis Morton & Co., Liverpool. In 1924, the task completed, he transferred to B. & S. Works Department with whom he has remained ever since.

Tom was a prominent cricketer for Craigie-gower Cricket Club in whose first XI he played between the years 1922 and 1937 and has many happy memories of Saturdays and Sundays spent on the field with them.

A bowls enthusiast, he has regularly turned out for Talkoo Club in the 1st Division before the war and since the re-occupation in the 2nd Division. He figured prominently among the prize winners before the war. As a billiard and snooker player, he is above the average and has featured once as winner and another time as runner-up in the Swire Cup Billiard Competition.

Since the war, he has won several prizes in club competition for billiards despite his heavy handicap.

He was interned at Stanley where he resided in Room 20, Block 6.

A noted singer, Mr. Grimes with so many activities taking up his time, had little time for choir practice but he was always willing to render songs on social occasions. His rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory" will always be remembered by his audiences.

Chinese Press Boycott Singapore Team News

(By ROVER)

A complete blackout of all news regarding the Singapore Army Soccer XI, which is playing its first game here today against Combined Services at Soekunpoo, will be enforced by the Chinese press, with one exception.

This decision was reached at a meeting of Chinese reporters yesterday, called for the purpose of discussing the alleged unsatisfactory manner in which news of the visit and games has been handled by the authorities.

It was alleged that there has been favoritism in the dissemination of news and that all attempts by the Chinese press, with one exception, to obtain any information regarding the team proved futile.

Several of those present at the meeting pointed out that if the Hong Kong Area Sports Board was in any doubt as to the identity of the reporters, it could have arranged for news concerning the team to be issued through the Government Press Relations Office.

It is understood that today's match between the Singapore Army Soccer XI and Combined Services at Soekunpoo will start at 3.15 p.m.

As the Singapore team has not yet been seen in action here, it is difficult to make any forecast as to the probable outcome of today's match.

Judging from reports, however, the visitors are a very powerful combination and if this should turn out to be the case, the local Service team will have to be on top form to win.

The 16 players on the Singapore Army Soccer team were selected from Army teams in Singapore following a series of four trial games.

Lately on the Singapore team played two "shakedown" games, beating a Royal Navy XI by 1-0 and losing 3-3 to another Army team.

The Line-Up

Goalkeeper: Service. Played with Northern Command last year in England.

Right back: A. Q. M. S. Nelson; Played with the Singapore District (Army) team last season.

Right back: Sgt. Wilson. A versatile footballer whose regular position is right wing. He was shifted to right back because of a lack of goal talent for that position. He played right wing with the Signals team in the Singapore Amateur Football Association senior league.

Left back: Butten (M.Q.M.S.). Also a versatile player whose regular position was left half. However, he was "brought in" at left back to strengthen the team's left side.

Left back: Young. He showed well in the trials.

Right half: Shea. A steady player, who will see plenty of action. He takes the "team" penalty kicks.

Centre half: Whitehouse. A big man, he played last year in England in a Northern Command team.

Left half: Major Williams. The oldest member of the team. He once took part in the trials for London University.

Left half: Sgt. White. A sound defensive player, who can be relied upon to give his best at all times.

Right wing: Brock, who has shown a great deal of promise. His centering is good, though he is somewhat weak in corner kicking.

Inside right: Sgt. Todd, who is captain of the team. He is well known in Singapore football circles. He played on the Army-Navy team in the Malaysia Cup competition last year.

Centre forward: Inglis, who was moved up from an inside position to fill a weak spot in the center. He scored the team's only and winning goal against the Navy.

Inside left: Porter. A young versatile player.

Inside left: Grierson. A player of no mean ability and who always needs careful watching.

Left wing: Loveless. A clever wing but a little slow.

The team is accompanied by: Lt. Col. J. T. Miller, Manager; Major J. C. Cox, Assistant Manager; and CSM Sheppard, APTC, trainer.

MORE WEDDED DURING MARCH

A total of 2,864 marriages were registered at the Marriage Registry during the financial year ended March 31, 1948, according to a Government report.

The marriages brought the Colonial total to 429,637 in fees and certificates charges.

It was a record year for marriages. The previous highest figure was 260 in 1946.

During the year under review, 8,028 of the total marriages were between persons of Chinese race.

HK Soccer XI Manila Bound

The Hong Kong Interport XI will leave for Manila tomorrow by plane. It was announced at a meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Hussain will accompany the team as manager in the place of Mr. R.M. Omer who, through pressure of business, is unable to make the trip.

The meeting also approved the grant of a \$300 subsidy to the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association.

The transfer of Tam Chun-fai from KMB to Kowloon and Chu Wai-tai from Teamways to CAA was authorised by the Council.

A Reminder On Property Claims

Claims for return of property vested during the war with the Office of Alien Property of the United States Department of Justice should reach its office not later than April 30, it was officially announced by the American Consulate in Hong Kong yesterday.

The Consulate statement included a Press release, issued last month in America, which follows: "Attorney-General, Mr. Tom C. Clark, today issued a reminder that the return of property vested during World War II must be filed with the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice not later than April 30, 1949, except in those cases where less than two years have elapsed since the vesting of the property."

In the latter case, the expiration date for the filing of claims is two years from the date of the vesting.

"Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. David L. Baxelon, Director, Office of Alien Property, Department of Justice, stated that the deadline for the filing of claims for the return of vested property is fixed by Section 33 of the Trading with the Enemy Act."

"Section 33, Mr. Baxelon said, also fixes April 30, 1949, or two years from the date of vesting, whichever is later, as the date after which the institution of suits under section 9 (a) of the Trading with the Enemy Act for the recovery of vested property will be barred."

"He added, however, that in computing the two-year period, here is excluded any time during which a claim for return was pending."

"Notice of claims may be filed with the Office of Alien Property, Department of Justice, Washington, DC, on Form AFD-1A. Blank forms will be provided on request to persons who desire to file claims."

"The fight outside the Mong-kok Theatre on March 17, in which two police constables were wounded, had its sequel at Kowloon yesterday before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr."

Mr. A. S. C. Comber, who was to have appeared for the defence, withdrew from the case, as he had no further instructions.

Four locally enlisted personnel of the Royal Army Service Corps, came up before the court to answer the charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding two police constables, Tans On-ping and Moon Chi.

The defendants were Cheng Hung, aged 23, German, Leung Kwong-kit, aged 20, private, Kwong Foo, aged 29, private, and Kwo Pul, aged 30, who deserted from the army service last year.

The first defendant was sentenced to two years' hard labour and the third and fourth to one year each. Owing to insufficient evidence the second defendant was discharged.

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WINNERS OF THE BABY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The following selections were made by the Judges.

CHINESE BABIES

UNDER NINE MONTHS

First \$100. Chu Kwok Kee
Second \$75. Cordelia Wong
Third \$50. Sim Wing-Hao

UNDER EIGHTEEN MONTHS

First \$100. Lum Sing Jr.
Second \$75. Ian Chaun
Third \$50. Robert Chan

NON-CHINESE BABIES

UNDER NINE MONTHS

First \$100. Timothy Tay
Second \$75. Luba Moskvina
Third \$50. Gretchen Anne Schields

UNDER EIGHTEEN MONTHS

First \$100. G. S. Coxhead
Second \$75. Sheila Maureen Kemp
Third \$50. P. G. Dear

WINNERS OF THE JUDGING COMPETITION

THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE PLACED IN THE CORRECT ORDER OF PRIZE WINNERS—AND FIVE ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED CORRECT

Miss M. A. Bough \$20. Miss Jenny Kay Goon \$20. Mr. Chan To \$20.

Mr. Chung Chu Kwong \$20.

Mr. Chan Pao Sue \$20.

Cheques for all the above prizes have been sent to winners. Those who wish to have their photographs returned, please call at the "CHINA MAIL" office.